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PACIFIC PACT SPECULATION IN WASHINGTON

Washington, March 23.

The Atlantic defence alliance, linking the U.S. and Canada with Western European nations, may well be the forerunner of a similar pact covering the countries of the Pacific area.

With the announcement of terms of the Atlantic agreement there arose here, in both Oriental and Occidental circles, intensified speculation as to how long it will be before a Pacific Alliance against armed aggression will be forthcoming.

In the minds of numerous observers here, the Atlantic Pact, while primarily directed against Russia, does reach into the Pacific. They base their reasoning on Article Four of the Atlantic agreement, which reads:

"The parties will consult together whenever, in the opinion of any of them, the territorial integrity, political independence or interests of any of the parties are threatened by developments of the Pacific area. Politically, the question might arise concerning the status in such a pact of colonial or semi-colonial territories in the area.

"Since it would be open to all American states bordering on the Pacific, as well as those European powers with interests in Asia, the conclusion of a Pacific Pact will in effect complete an interlocking scheme embracing the world."—Associated Press.

(signing the pact) is threatened." Several of the nations going into the Atlantic Pact have territorial interests in the Pacific. Examples are Great Britain, France and the Netherlands. Although Japan is an occupied country and not in control of her foreign relations, it is taken for granted that when and if a similar Pacific Pact is formed Japan will be looked to as an important prospective member.

CLASH ON INDOCHINA BORDER

Paris, March. 23. — French troops fought a fierce battle with a combined Vietnamese Nationalist guerrilla force and Chinese Communist forces on the border of Tongking yesterday, according to despatches reaching usually well-informed sources here today.

It is claimed that the French troops have mastered the situation.

Despatches said that Communist bands are not regular detachments of the armies of the Chinese Communist leader, Mao Tse-tung.

A usually well-informed source told Reuters that frontier clashes with armed Chinese have been taking place for some time, but that yesterday's incident was on a bigger scale.

The spokesman of the Ministry of Overseas Colonies said that the pressure exerted along the Chinese-Indochinese border by troops believed to be Communist has increased.

The spokesman declined to comment on reports that several sharp clashes had taken place between French troops and Vietnamese supported by Chinese.

He said he could not confirm reports that the Communist troops were part of the Chinese regular Communist army.

Meanwhile, M. Leon Pignon, French High Commissioner, for Indo-China, arrived in Saigon by air from Singapore today.

M. Pignon left Paris on March 17 and spent two days in Singapore, where he met Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, British Commissioner-General in South East Asia.—
Reuter and United Press.

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A black and white photograph of three men in 16th-century attire standing in front of a stone building. The man in the center holds a sword aloft. The man on the left holds a sword horizontally. The man on the right holds a sword vertically.

Traditionally costumed players escort the tattered "peace flag" of 1648 during celebrations in the Town Hall of Munster, Westphalia, Germany, to mark the 300th anniversary of the Westphalian Peace, which ended the Thirty Years' War in 1648. The ceremony in the "Peace Hall" of the bombed municipal building was the climax to a procession through Munster's war-torn streets. (AP Photo).

PLANS FOR 'EXERCISE LANCER'

A "situation" is being built up by the authorities concerned for "Exercice Lance" which will begin at midnight on Sunday.

The combined Police-Army-Navy-Air Force exercises will be carried out mainly in the New Territories where mock battles with agitators, Fifth Columnists, looters and saboteurs have been planned to take place. Troops in the New Territories are at present being deployed to key positions along the Kowloon-Canton Railway and other strategic points on the Mainland.

Manchester, March 23.
An Army warrant officer, aged 40, who has been married 10 years, offered today to go to the gallows in place of Mrs. Renee Duffy, aged 19, now in the condemned cell at Manchester's Strangeways Prison, under sentence of death for the murder of her husband.

KOREA-JAPAN TRADE PACT

Tokyo, March 10.—Korea and Japan have concluded a £20,000,000 trade agreement, trade resources remain here today. An official announcement will probably be made tomorrow. The agreement calls for the export of consumer goods to Korea. The import of raw materials and machinery from Korea to Japan.

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Referring to General Ho Ying-chin's Cabinet, President Li said that the problem of

Chiang To Go

Part of the Presidential entourage is reported to have left for Amoy. General Shih Tsu-teh, former commander of Chiang Kai-shek's bodyguard, was reported to have been killed by Nationalist bombers last week after it was found in the Communist Manchurian port Hulutao.

Departure of Chiang.

cently appointed Garrison Commander of Amoy.

Chiang Kai-shek's villa on the island has been used for some time. One of the most famous of former international settlements in South China was formerly situated on beautiful Kulangsu.

When the Nationalist cruiser Chungking recently decried to the island, considerable doubt was raised as to whether Chiang Kai-shek would risk a trip to the island. That hazard has now been cleared away with the destruction of the ship by a Japanese submarine.

Chiang Kai-shek would effect to a greater withdrawal by Generalissimo Kuomintang participation in Government affairs.

Such a step has been urged upon him by Government leaders out of fear that his presence close to Nanking may hamper peace negotiations.

Political observers believe Chiang Kai-shek may time departure from Chikow to clear all obstacles to peace, which now appear imminent.

Associated Press.

As the men approached the shore, however, they became aware that such was not the case. The beach was dotted with clumps of bushes and in each bush there was a machine-gun, behind which there stood an alert Chinese soldier.

The Americans were taken into custody immediately, questioned, then ordered to leave at once. They estimated the number of their captors at approximately 250 men. They were told that the island was supplied by a Chinese sailing ship which called every two months, but nothing

El Naqura, Lebanon, March 23.
Israel and Lebanon signed a
armistice agreement at the Cap-
itols House here this morning.
The armistice pact, the second
signed by Israel with one of her
Arab neighbours, was hailed by
the head of the Israeli delegation
as "the beginning of an era of
peace and happiness for our part
of the world."—Associated Press.

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THE WEATHER

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CREW LIVES IN STYLE ON BOARD BEN VESSEL

(By Our Harbour Reporter)

Young Robert Robertson may only be a cabin boy, but, unlike others, the teen-ager relaxes in state in his cabin aboard the new British steamer Benclench, which arrived here yesterday on her maiden voyage from London.

Even the Chinese ship's painter, 40-year-old Sin Cheong, has an identical one-bunk cabin, complete with armchair, convertible desk with wide drawers, rubber mattress, chest and locker, bright-blue pillows, two clean white sheets, two neatly-rolled blankets and a table-lamp.

On the cream enamel bulkhead is a silver-edged mirror with shining stand, situated at a convenient spot. Green and damask curtains decorate the port-hole. A wide door met on the threshold before they step on the land-in linoleum deck.

From cabin boy to the skipper each of the 54-man personnel of the latest acquisition of the Ben Line fleet has his own cabin, and aboard the Benclench the well-known saying "An Englishman's home is his castle" manifests itself magnificently.

Once inside his cabin, a seaman is "lord of all he surveys" and a virtuous reflection on the discipline is the conspicuous fact that each of them is well-kept and clean. Each cabin is identified, and 18-year-old Robertson has "Boy" in large white letters on his door.

Built early this year, the 11,000-ton British steamer is the fourth ship of the Ben Line fleet and the second of seven new modern-designed vessels to provide each seaman with a cabin. Coming here in the very near future are the Benavon and Benclench. The Benavon, which made her maiden voyage recently, is the first of the seven.

"Very Comfy"
Three similar sister ships are at present under construction in the United Kingdom.

Among the crew, headed by Mr. Graham McGill of Edinburgh, are 48 British and six Chinese. Sin Cheong, who has been at sea for 19 years as filter, carpenter and painter, joined the Benclench at London, whence she started her maiden trip to the Far East.

During his 19 years of seafaring, Mr. Sin had been sharing his cabin with 10 to 20 persons.

Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

Harbour Tunnel

Sir—The comments on Hong Kong put forth by this visiting journalist, Bengue, in Wednesday's "China Mail," contained a suggestion which to me appeared to have real merit. He suggested building a tunnel across the harbour and doing away with ferries.

Lots of us spend a good hour or a half every day waiting for those miserable vehicles to come alongside and carry us across the harbour. We spend the waiting time jammed into the "stockade" like so many animals on their way to the slaughter-house. When we may or may not get seats—and we do get them, for they are hard, uncomfortable and partly exposed to the weather.

In few, if any, modern cities in the world today is the public compelled to travel in such a fashion. This is a relic of another century which surely should have no place in the much advertised but secrecy-cloaked New Hong Kong planned by Sir Patrick Abercrombie.

A bridge is out of the question, I suppose, because of typhoons—or is it?

But what is there to prevent our having a tunnel? Then traffic could flow freely from Hong Kong to Kowloon and back 24 hours a day.

You will never convince me, either, that this Colony could not afford such a structure. Just look at the annual profits of the Star Ferry Company!

WEARY WILLIE.

American Admiral Arriving

Vice-Admiral D. C. Badger, of the United States Navy, who is Commander Naval Forces, West Pacific, is due to arrive here for a short visit at 8 a.m. today in the Amphibious Force Flagship, Eldorado.

Official calls will start at 9.40 a.m. when the American Consul-General calls on the Admiral. This will be followed by Vice-Admiral Badger's call on the Commander-in-Chief, Far East Station Vice Admiral Sir E. J. Patrick Brind, in HMS London.

The call will be returned by Vice Admiral A. C. G. Madden, Chief Officer Second-in-Charge, on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief. The Commodore-in-Charge, Hong Kong, Commodore C. L. Robertson will accompany Admiral Madden.

At 11.20 a.m. Admiral Badger will leave the USS Eldorado and proceed to Queens Pier. There, he will be met by Commodore Robertson with a guard from HMS Tamar on the pier.

Following inspection of the guard, Admiral Badger will return the call of the American Consul-General, returning to his flagship at about 12 noon.

At 12.45 p.m. he will proceed to HMS London where the Commander-in-Chief will give luncheon party at which Admiral Badger will meet the Governor and Senior Officers of the Services.

In the evening, Admiral Badger will give a reception at the American Club and later dine with Sir Patrick Brind on board London.

Tomorrow, Admiral Badger will dine with the Governor before attending the dance which is being held in HMS London. Admiral Badger is due to leave on March 29.

RASC Men Acquitted

An RASC driver, Cheng Chun-cheung, and an RASC fireman, Hui Cheung, were acquitted at Central yesterday by Mr. Hin-shing Lo on a charge of demanding \$500 with menace from a woman, Wong Choi-fong.

In passing judgment, the magistrate remarked that upon review of the evidence, he entertained a very grave and substantial doubt as to defendants' guilt.

He would say without hesitation that the story and accusation of the complainant and her mother were certainly inspired by certain elements, including her male friends and lovers, and also by the quarrel between complainant and Hui Cheung's wife.

As such their story was not worthy of any degree of credence. "I therefore, acquit both defendants," he concluded, "of this serious and grave charge and send them back to barracks to establish their career and lead a life of usefulness."

Died After Dog Bite

Sitting as Coroner, Mr. F. X. d'Almada held an inquiry into the death of Chan To, aged 44 at Central yesterday.

Dr. A. Combes said that he examined the body of deceased and found his right hand showed sign of been bitten by a dog. Death in his opinion was cerebral paralysis due to rabies.

Chan was bitten by a dog on July 14 last year. He did not report to the police and had treatment from a Chinese herb-bait.

Six months later he fell ill and was taken to the Sun Foon Hospital where he died.

Mr. d'Almada returned a verdict of death from rabies.

Three Million Dollars Worth Of Loot

Hobbers and petty thieves stole property to the value of HK\$3,500,000 during last year, according to the 1948 annual report of the Government.

The police, however, recovered more than HK\$250,000 of the stolen property. Serious crime dropped from 13,704 cases in 1947 to 11,008 in 1948. There was also a marked decrease last year in robberies of all kinds—from 375 in 1947 to 227 that year.

Neat And Clean

Beneath his bunk are two huge trunks of clothing, accumulated at several ports of call en route.

His cupboard, which forms part of the bunk, can fill as many as 15 suits without congestion. On his turpentine-painted desk, which can be converted into a writing table by a sliding wooden top, are a small vase of withered daisies, his family pictures and a table-lamp.

The shaving stand of the silver-edged mirror, covered by a clean piece of cotton, is filled with his toilet article. Nearby on a wooden rack, screwed to the bulkhead, are two neatly-folded bath towels.

Asked whether there is any special instruction to keep the cabin in order, a seaman replied: "Don't you want your own house to be neat and clean? That's how we all feel here!"

The Benclench brought a chief officer and an engineer for two local ships. Among her cargo were military trucks, caterpillar tractors and ammunition from the United Kingdom and Singapore.

She discharged 100 brand-new Morris cars at Singapore.

PRICELESS TREASURES TO BE ON DISPLAY

An uncommon kind of art exhibition in the Colony will be held when Mr. Henry Yeung's rare collection of Chinese bronzes, ceramics and paintings is presented in a display to the public at the Fung Ping Shan Library tomorrow.

The opening ceremony will be performed by the Governor at 5.30 p.m. The exhibition will then be thrown open to the public for several days.

In 34 years of painstaking studies of Chinese art and its history, Mr. Yeung has accumulated some thousands of pieces of invaluable relics from days as far back as the birth of Christ.

Asked what his collection is worth, Mr. Yeung smiled pondered, then said: "Its artistic worth cannot be assessed in monetary terms. But during lifetime of collection, I have spent more than \$1,000,000. And as for a few hundred of cases."

At that time, he was living in Prince Edward Road. Two days before the shooting began, however, he had the cases transferred to a relative's home on Kennedy Road on the island.

Mr. Yeung's collection has been his very old stories to tell one which is quite modern and as exciting as its history. It was during the war of December, 1941.

Suspecting that hostilities would soon begin, Mr. Yeung had his priceless collection packed into some hundreds of cases.

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Friendly Japanese
When Kowloon gave way to the Japanese, looters came into his house, knowing of his treasure, and were they disappointed, said Mr. Yeung.

All this transfer was done in a terrific rush Mr. Yeung said. Even in the safe custody of his relatives the cases were not completely reclining at ease. The shelling of Kennedy Road began and once more the priceless bulk of his collection had to be attended to, moving from here to there as the vicious looters and at the same time taking care that the fragile pieces remained intact.

The Japanese entry sweep gave the cases and Mr. Yeung a temporary rest for looters' activities stopped, or at least waned.

The next danger came from the Japanese themselves. But fortunately, said Mr. Yeung, one of the officers in the Japanese Army was a certain Tanaka, who ran a book shop in Wanchai previous to the war.

Mr. Tanaka said that he had made all his art catalogue purchases from Tanaka whose help at that particular moment was almost as valuable as the articles he was trying to save.

Uncommon Treat
Fortunately, Tanaka proved to be a friend, continued Mr. Yeung, for soon his collection was safe from the inquisitive gentlemen.

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TB CASES

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Deaths in the same week totalled 899 as against 201 deaths.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 24
Closing Times by Air

Canton and Hankow (Kowloon GPO) 7.30 a.m.; 10 a.m.; 12.30 p.m.; 2.30 p.m.; (GPO) 7 a.m.; 9.30 a.m.; Noon, 2 p.m.; Airmail for Swatow and Amoy (Reg.) 8.30 a.m.; (Ord.) 9 a.m.; Airmail for Shanghai (Reg.) 9 a.m.; (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Kuning and Luchow; Airmail for Amoy, Ningbo and Ningbo (Reg.) 2 p.m.; (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.; Airmail for Kowloon; Airmail for Swatow and Tainan (Reg.) 3 p.m.; (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Hongkong, Calcutta, Karachi, Madras, Alexandria (Nairobi, Johannesburg and Marseilles via Alexandria), Rome and London, Kowloon GPO (Reg.) 4 p.m.; (Ord.) 4.30 p.m.; GPO (Reg.) 4.30 p.m.; (Ord.) 5 p.m.

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NOTICE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the shareholders of the above-named Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company in Entertainment Building, 5th Floor, on Thursday the 14th day of April 1949 immediately following the Ordinary Yearly Meeting due to be held at 12 noon on that day for the purpose of considering and if thought fit, passing the following Resolutions as Special Resolutions:

1. That there shall be added immediately after Article 108 of the Articles of Association the following four Articles:

108a. Any general meeting declaring a dividend may resolve that such dividend be paid wholly or in part by the distribution of specific assets, and in particular of paid-up shares, debentures, or debenture stock of the Company, or paid-up shares, debentures, or debenture stock of any other company, or in any one or more of such ways.

108b. Any general meeting may resolve that any moneys, investments, or other assets forming part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the reserve fund, or any capital redemption reserve fund, or in the hands of the Company and available for dividend be capitalised and distributed amongst such of the shareholders as would be entitled to receive the same if distributed amongst such of the shareholders as would be entitled to receive the same if distributed by way of dividend and in the same proportions on the footing that they become entitled thereto as capital and that all or any part of such capitalised fund be applied on behalf of such shareholders in paying up in full, either at par or at such premium as the resolution may provide, any unissued shares or debentures or debenture stock of the Company which shall be distributed accordingly or in or towards payment of the uncalled liability on any issued shares or debentures or debenture stock, and that such distribution or payment shall be accepted by shareholders in full satisfaction of their interest in the capitalised sum.

108c. A general meeting may resolve that any surplus moneys arising from the realisation or re-valuation of any capital assets of the Company, or any investments representing the same, or any undistributed profits of the Company not subject to charge for income tax or profits tax, be distributed to the members on the footing that they receive the same as capital.

108d. For the purpose of giving effect to any resolution under the three last preceding articles the Directors may settle any difficulty which may arise in regard to the distribution as they think expedient, and in particular may issue fractional certificates, and may fix the value for distribution of any specific assets, and may determine that cash payments shall be made to any members upon the footing of the value so fixed or that fractions of less value than \$10.00 may be disregarded in order to adjust the rights of all parties, and may vest any such cash or specific assets in trustees upon such trusts for the persons entitled to the dividend or capitalised fund as may seem expedient to the Directors. Where requisite, a proper contract shall be delivered to the Registrar for registration in accordance with the provisions of the Ordinance, and the Directors may appoint any person to sign such contract on behalf of the persons entitled to the dividend or capitalised fund, and such appointment shall be effective.

2. That the first sub-paragraph of Article 108 of the Articles of Association be deleted and that the following be substituted therefor:

The profits of the Company shall be applied as follows:

First, a sum up to \$100,000.00 out of the profits shall be paid and distributed as dividend among the members in proportion to the amount of capital paid up on all shares held by them respectively; such dividend to be paid in priority to any other payment out of the profits.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that at the same Meeting the following Resolutions will be submitted for consideration, and if thought fit, passing as Extraordinary Resolutions:

1. That the authorised capital of the Company be increased to \$5,000,000.00 by the creation

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of 400,000 ordinary shares of \$10.00 each.

2. That it is desirable to capitalise a sum of \$999,500.00 being part of the balance standing at the credit of the Capital Reserve consisting of surplus on re-valuation of land and accordingly that such sum be and is hereby capitalised, and distributed in pursuance of the Articles of Association of the Company, and that such capital sum be applied on behalf of the persons who on the 14th day of April 1949 were the holders of the 99,950 issued shares of the Company in payment in full for 99,950 new ordinary shares of the Company of the nominal value of \$10.00 each and that such 99,950 new ordinary shares credited as fully paid be accordingly allotted to such persons respectively in the proportion of one such new share for every one of the said issued shares then held by such persons respectively, and that the shares so distributed shall be treated for all purposes as an increase of the nominal amount of the capital of the Company held by each such shareholder and not as income, and further that such new shares shall from the 1st day of January 1949 rank for dividend and in all other respects pari-passu with the already issued shares.

Dated the 23rd day of March 1949.

By Order of the Board,
GEORGE V. N. SUN
Secretary.

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THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY LIMITED.

(INCORPORATED IN HONG KONG)
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-eighth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the office of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Company Limited, Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Monday the 11th day of April, 1949, at Noon, to transact the following business:—

1. To receive and consider the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948.

2. To sanction a dividend in respect of the year 1948.

3. To elect two Directors.

4. To appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS.

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books and Register of Members will be closed from the 28th March, 1949, to the 11th April, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

G. B. S. THOMSON,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, March 21, 1949.

THE HONG KONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice is hereby given that the Twenty-first Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Company will be held at the Company's Office, Jordan Road Ferry Pier, Kowloon, on Saturday, the 26th March, 1949 at 12.00 noon for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1948.

Notice is also given that the Share Register of the Company will be closed from the 16th to 20th March, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

LAU TAK PO,
Managing Director.
Hong Kong, March 10, 1949.

THE REFORM CLUB OF HONG KONG

THE SECOND PUBLIC MEETING will be held at the West Lounge, European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, on Thursday, March 24, 1949, at 8 p.m. and THE THIRD PUBLIC MEETING will be held at the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel on Monday, March 28, 1949, at 5.30 p.m.

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Dated the 23rd day of March 1949.

By Order of the Board,

GEORGE V. N. SUN
Secretary.

HONG KONG UNIVERSITY

An Exhibition of Chinese Bronzes, Ceramics, and Pictures, from the collection of Mr. Henry Yung, will be held in the Fung Fing Shan Library of the University, Bonham Road, on Saturday, March 20th, and Sunday, March 27th, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Invitation cards may be obtained by writing to the Private Secretary to the Vice-Chancellor, University of Hong Kong.

D. J. SLOSS,
Vice-Chancellor.

March 18, 1949.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Notice to Members

Australian Subscription Ponies 1950

The Stewards have ordered a batch of 100 Australian Subscription Ponies to race in 1950 and they now invite Members to subscribe for them.

An application form has been posted to every Member. In the event of non-delivery further forms may be obtained at the Club's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

The Subscription List will close with THURSDAY, 31ST MARCH, 1949.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, Feb. 21, 1949.

THE HOTEL REGULATIONS, 1949

All business in connection with the Hotel Regulations, 1949, will be dealt with between the hours of 2.15 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. only.

A. ST. G. WALTON,
Quartering Authority.
March 22, 1949.

NOTICE

This is to notify that Mr. Tsang Hon Hung who was employed by Francis Wu's Studio as a press photographer is no longer connected with this studio. Any photograph and transaction taken by him hereafter cannot bear Francis Wu's Studio name and we hold no responsibility for them.

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NOTICE

HONG KONG STAGE CLUB

A Casting Meeting will be held for a Radio Play in the China Fleet Club at 8.30 p.m. on Thursday, March 24, 1949.

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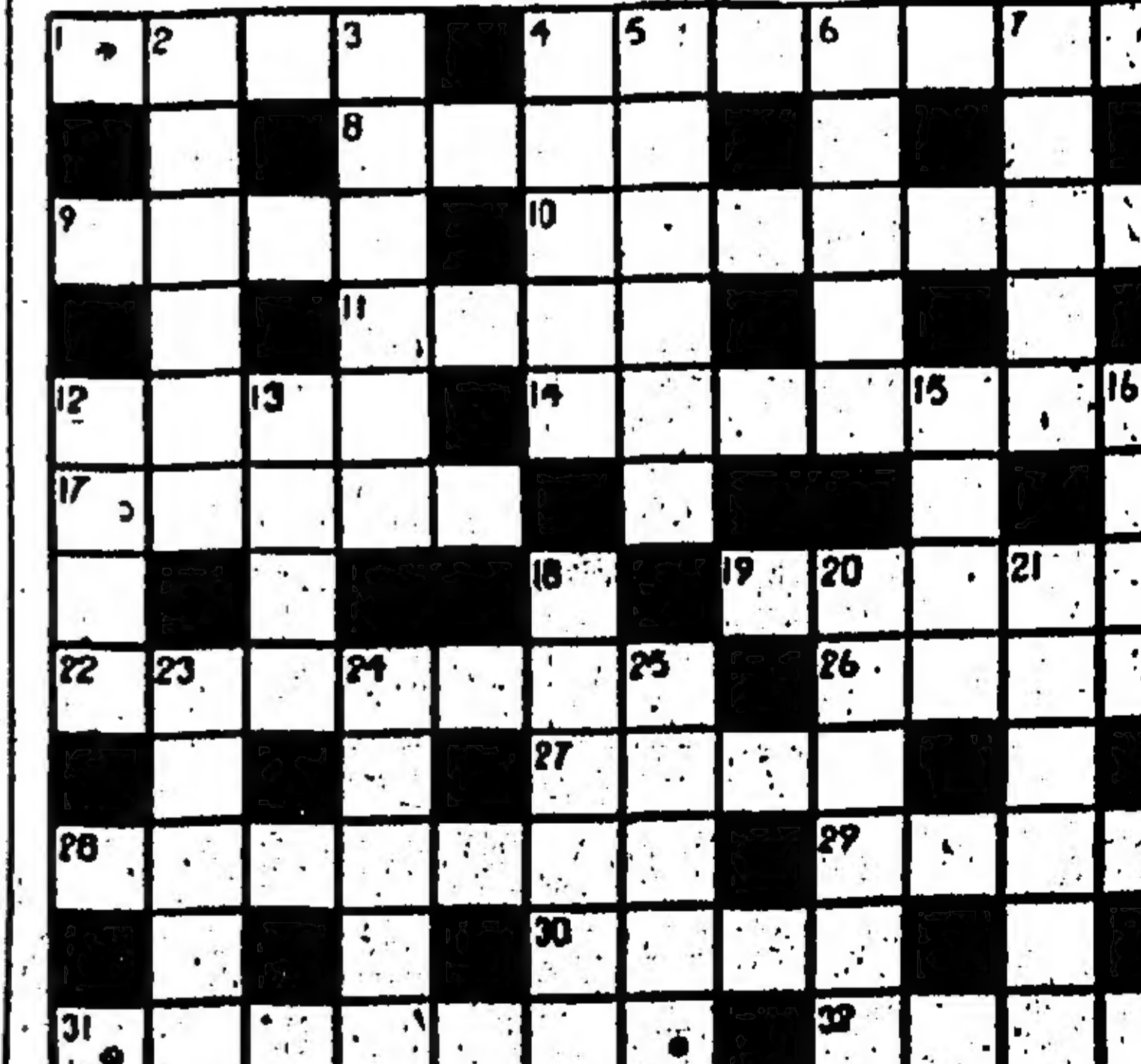
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S 9 7 3
H 6
D 4 2
C K Q J 5 4 3 2
S A J 8 5
H 4
D 10 8 6 5
C A 10 6
S K Q 10 6 2
H 10 4
D K 9 4
C 8

(Dealer: East. West vulnerable.)
East South West North
Pass Pass 1 H 2 C
2 S D 10 8 4
4 H C Q 9 3
West just went sailing along happily after the club K was led, seeing that his contract was a cinch. He won with the A, ruffed the club 6 with the heart 2, discarded a diamond on the spade A, ruffed the spade 4 with the heart 5 and, was sure his

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

1 Incautious.
4 Hung down.
6 Copied.
8 Unruffled.
10 Braggad.
11 Fruit.
12 Lake.
14 Sharp replies.
17 Decorate.
19 Part of a flower.
22 Take away.
26 Denominational.
28 Equips.
29 Greedy.
30 Detect.
31 Quell.
32 Go under.

Down

2 Diminished.
3 Hinder.
5 Exclude.
7 Writhed.
9 Enthusiasm.
12 Incident.
13 Daniel.
15 Put to flight.
16 Scold.
18 Sediment.
19 Frightens.
20 Tries.
21 Engage.
22 ment.
23 troops.
24 The best.
25 Happen.
26 Again.
27 Lock.

Yesterday's Crossword

Across: 1 Poplar, 5 Spire, 8 Refer, 9 Sprout, 10 Ravine, 11 Mimic, 13 Used, 15 Oiled, 16 Pertuse, 18 Trades, 20 Stier, 22 Tame, 23 Staid, 25 Cabin, 26 Savant, 27 Defer, 28 Later, 29 Down.
Down: 1 Features, 2 Permeable, 3 Arum, 4 Retired, 5 Serious, 6 Pious, 7 Roman, 14 Labyrinth, 16 Diverted, 18 Partner, 19 Revised, 19 Remade, 21 Thane, 24 Dark.

BONFIRE OF CONTROLS REVEALED IN BRITAIN

London, March 22.

More ration relaxations for Britons were announced today.

The President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Harold Wilson, called it a "bonfire of controls."

Until further notice, Britons may have all the milk they want, the Minister of Food, Mr. John Strachey, announced.

The present ration is two and a half pints a week for adults and five pints for children. Milk was off the ration for three weeks last Spring.

Private industry benefited through the "bonfire" too. Government control over more than 50 raw materials was lifted and a few items which the Government has been handling itself were turned back to private dealers. These include synthetic rubber, pine oil, rosin and turpentine.

Licences Go

Mr. Wilson told Parliament that the scrapping of these controls will do away with 930,000 Government permits and licences a year and will allow 320 civil servants to be released for other jobs.

He offered no estimate of the time and manpower it will save in private industry.

Mr. Strachey disclosed that the Government has also decided to let grocers remodel their shops up to a maximum cost of £3,000 each to turn them into self-service stores.

Still Grim

The Government has previously restricted building almost solely to the construction and repair of houses or vital factories.

The self-service shops would result in a saving of manpower as the British housewife, using a large shop now, has to go to separate counters for fish, meat, poultry, bread and vegetables and be served in person by an assistant.

But as a reminder that life still has its grim side here despite recent sharp improvements, Mr. Strachey said that new food ration books will be issued in April, a little earlier than usual.

BEVIN TO VISIT GERMANY

Duesseldorf, March 22. The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, is to visit Germany after his return from signing the Atlantic Pact in Washington, according to a letter he is stated to have sent to Dr. Karl Arnold, Prime Minister of North Rhine-Westphalia.

Mr. Bevin's letter is said to be in reply to one from Dr. Arnold last week inviting Mr. Bevin to inspect on the spot the frontier alterations proposed by Holland and Belgium.—Reuter.

Jap Fishermen Infiltrating P.I. Waters

Manila, March 23.

Constabulary Headquarters today reported evidence that Japanese fishermen once again are infiltrating Philippine waters.

A spokesman said on March 16 troops in the Batanes Island group off North Luzon surprised a Japanese crew landing from a motorised fishing boat. They opened fire, killing one unidentified Japanese about 35 years old.

The flat bottomed wooden boat fell into Constabulary hands. The official report from Batanes failed to mention what happened to the remaining crew members.

The spokesman said they presumably escaped somewhere in the islands. Headquarters is asking for additional details from its Batanes detachment.—Associated Press.

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Bangkok, March 22. The Siamese Government today called on all private owners of machine-guns to surrender them to the police within 10 days.

A police spokesman said that several hundred Brava, Stear and Tommy guns licensed to civilians at the end of the war would probably be collected.—Reuter.

RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second, and on 9.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

H.K.T.
12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.32 p.m.—"Band Stand", Black Dyke Mills Band and the Huddersfield Chorus and Musical Society (H.M.T.).
1.00 p.m.—Glen Miller and His Orchestra.
1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.25 p.m.—Interlude.
1.30 p.m.—Light Symphony Orchestra.
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
2.05 p.m.—Programme Summary.
2.07 p.m.—Children's Story: "Pirate Creek" by Joan Marsh (H.M.T.).
2.30 p.m.—La Bonté-House Française (Radio).
2.50 p.m.—World News and News Analysis (London Relay).
3.15 p.m.—"An Introduction to the Exhibition of Chinese Bronzes, Ceramics, and Pictures from the Collection of Mr. Henry Young", Given by Hon. Pasching, M.D., Professor of Pathology at H.K. University. (Radio).
3.30 p.m.—"Down Beat Disc", Presented by Paul Stuart (Radio).
3.40 p.m.—"From the Editorials" (London Relay).
3.45 p.m.—A Short Concert with Glen Cady (Radio) as Guest Artist.
3.50 p.m.—"Concerto": Piano Concerto in D Minor, K. 466 (Mozart), Edwin Fischer, and the London Philharmonic Orchestra.
4.00 p.m.—"Hong Kong Dances To"—Edith Gorman and His Orchestra from the Ritz Ballroom. Vocalist: Coral Ballou.
4.30 p.m.—"Pastel", A Play by Tom Holme. Adapted from a Short Story by Henry James (H.M.T.).
4.35 p.m.—Radio News (London Relay).
4.45 p.m.—Weather Report.
4.50 p.m.—"Sunday Serenade", A Programme of Continuous Music.
4.55 p.m.—Alfred Campbell and His Orchestra.
5.00 p.m.—Country Dance Party. Traditional Dances and Folk Songs (H.M.T.).
5.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

Children's Orgy On Ice-Cream

Chatham, March 22. Two detectives followed a trail of ice-cream wrappers and nutshells for more than a quarter of a mile through the streets of Chatham.

It led them to two boys, aged nine and 10 and their sister, aged 12, who were accused at a juvenile court here today of breaking into two shops and stealing 150 cartons of ice cream, 20 boxes of sweets, 11 pounds of peaches, 10 pounds of plums, 28 pounds of oranges, 10 pounds of apples and 10 pounds of nuts, 10 toy pistols, a toy drum, three brooches, four rubber balls, a toy car, nine toy watches, a toy circus ring, three toy farm wagons, nine boxes of toy soldiers, four boxes of crackers and a toy mouse.

They also admitted that they had done £38 worth of damage to a piano, a car and a desk. The two boys were ordered to be boarded out and their sister placed on probation for two years.—Reuter.

PADEREWSKI WILL MYSTERY

Paris, March 22. The representatives of the heirs of the late Ignace Paderewski, the world famed pianist and one-time Prime Minister of Poland, today watched the opening of a 20-year-old sealed envelope at Morgan's Bank, believed to contain the terms of M. Paderewski's will.

Inside, however, was a second sealed envelope, to be opened on March 29 after fresh authority has been obtained.—Reuter.

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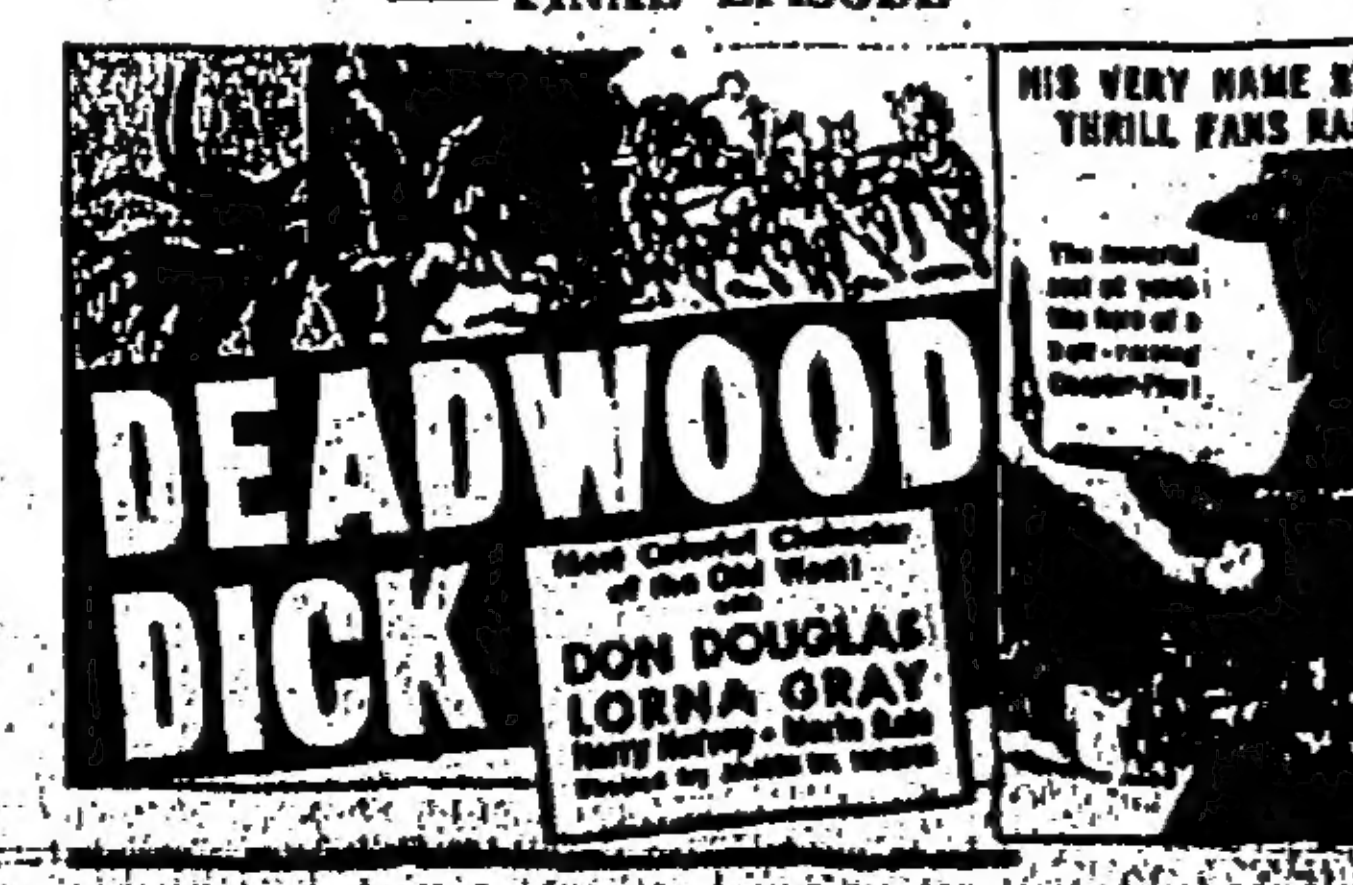
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CABINET TO DISCUSS BRITISH FILM CRISIS

London, March 22.

The Cabinet will next week consider ways to overcome the present crisis in the film industry. The Cabinet may decide to double the capital of the Film Finance Corporation, which it founded to help producers raise money for films.

The Corporation at present has power to lend up to £5,000,000 on reasonable commercial terms. Film experts believe this capital to be inadequate.

British film-making and exports are regarded by the Government as essential for Britain's balance of payments, but the industry is facing strong international competition, and producers are having difficulty in making their pictures pay.

Their inability to sell more of their pictures abroad, particularly in the United States, is a grave handicap. And in Europe, the yield from British films is affected by currency restrictions.

Unfair Deal

Producers say that the creative side of the industry is receiving an unfair deal. They point to pictures which have been made at a loss and which have, nevertheless, earned over £1,000,000 at British box offices.

Most of the capital of the industry is invested in Britain's

GROMYKO GOES TO PARIS

Paris, March 22.

Mr. Andrei Gromyko, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister, and chief of the Soviet delegation to the United Nations General Assembly, arrived in Paris by plane on Sunday from Moscow and went to the Russian Embassy. Soviet officials declined to comment on his travel plans.

The U.N. Assembly opens on April 5 in Lake Success.—Associated Press.

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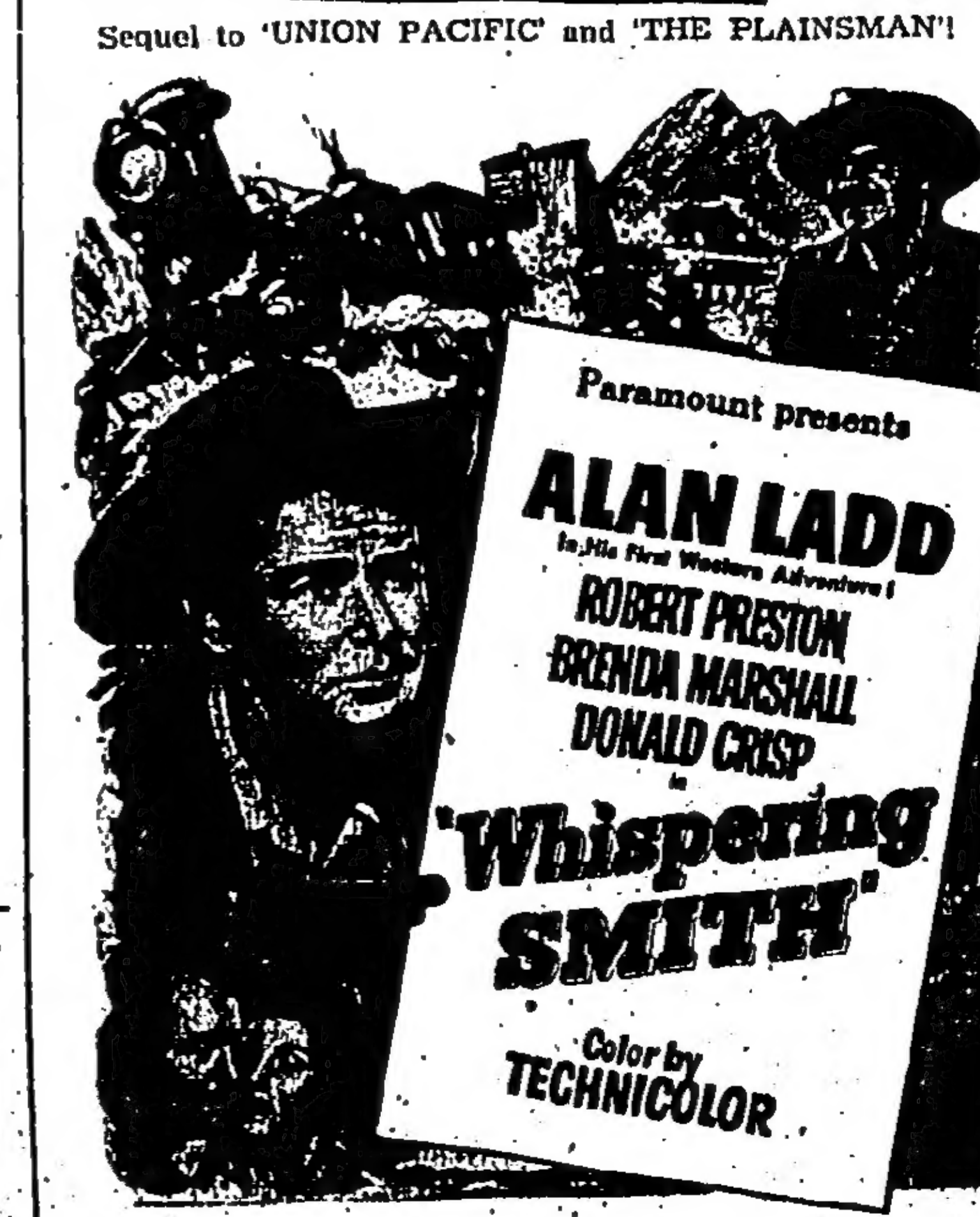
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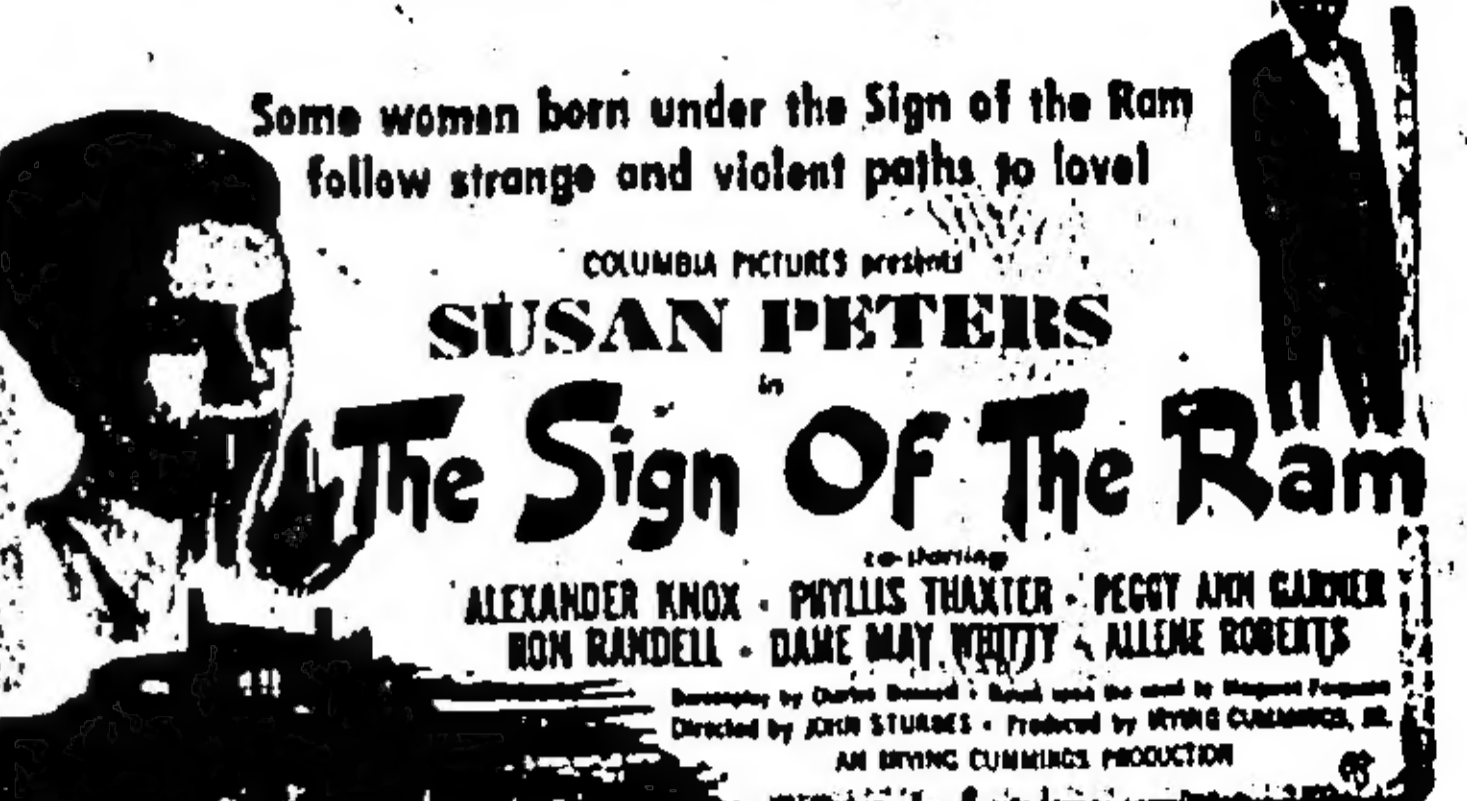
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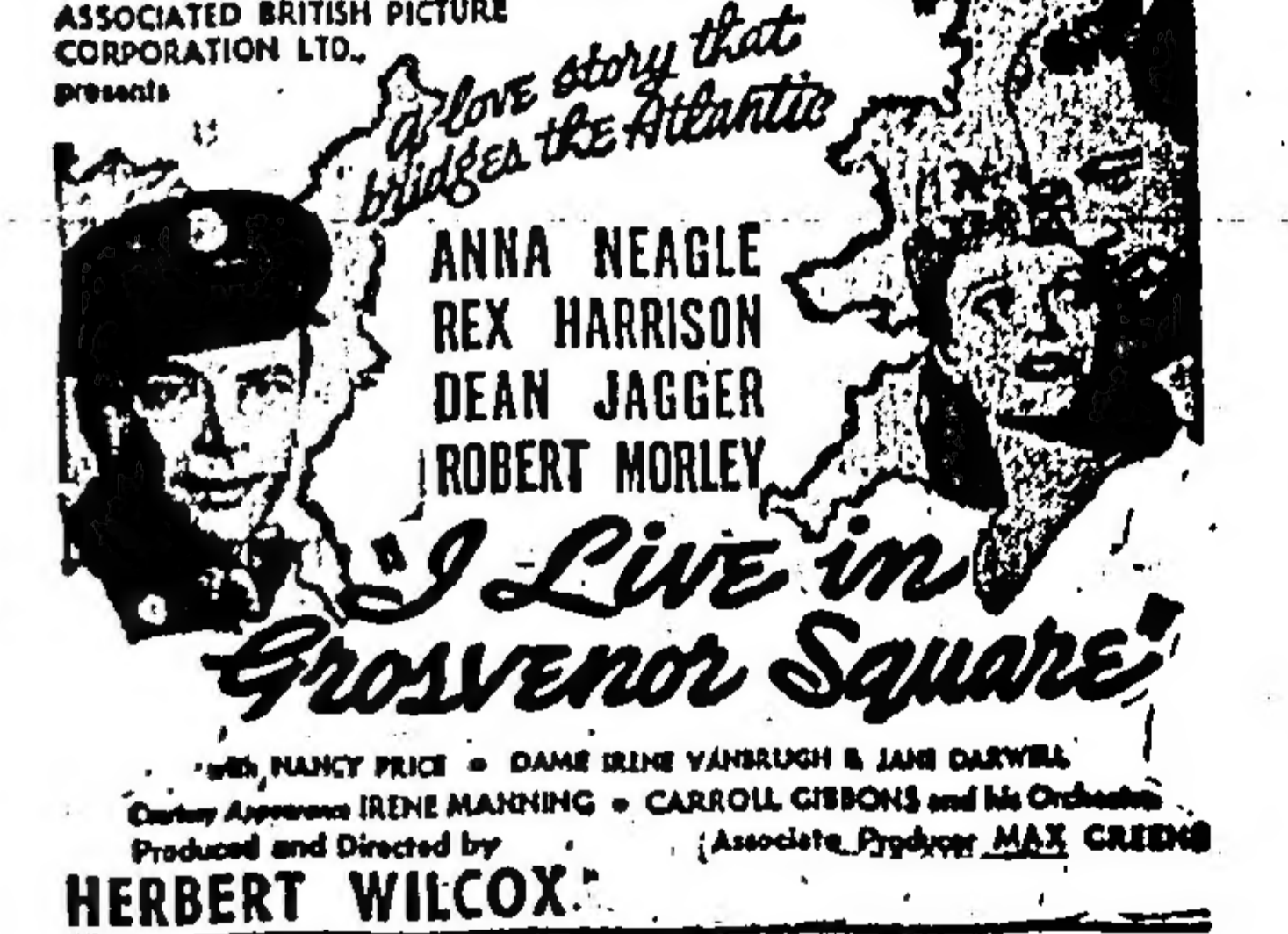
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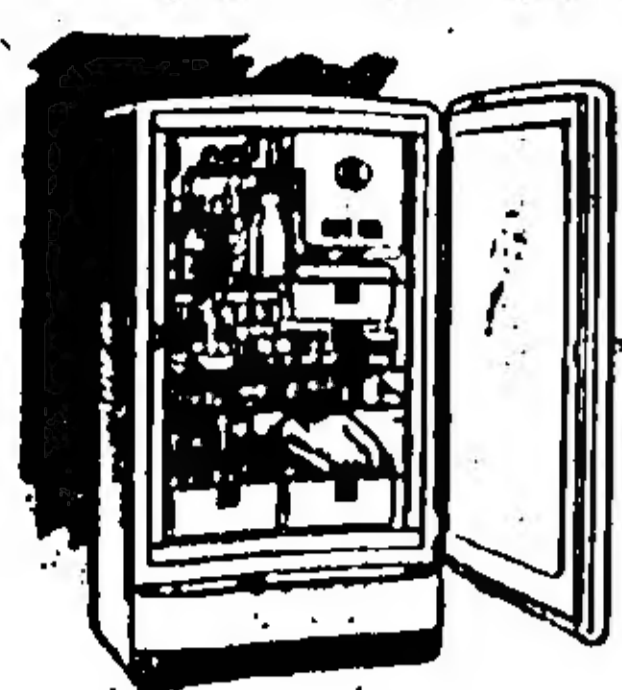
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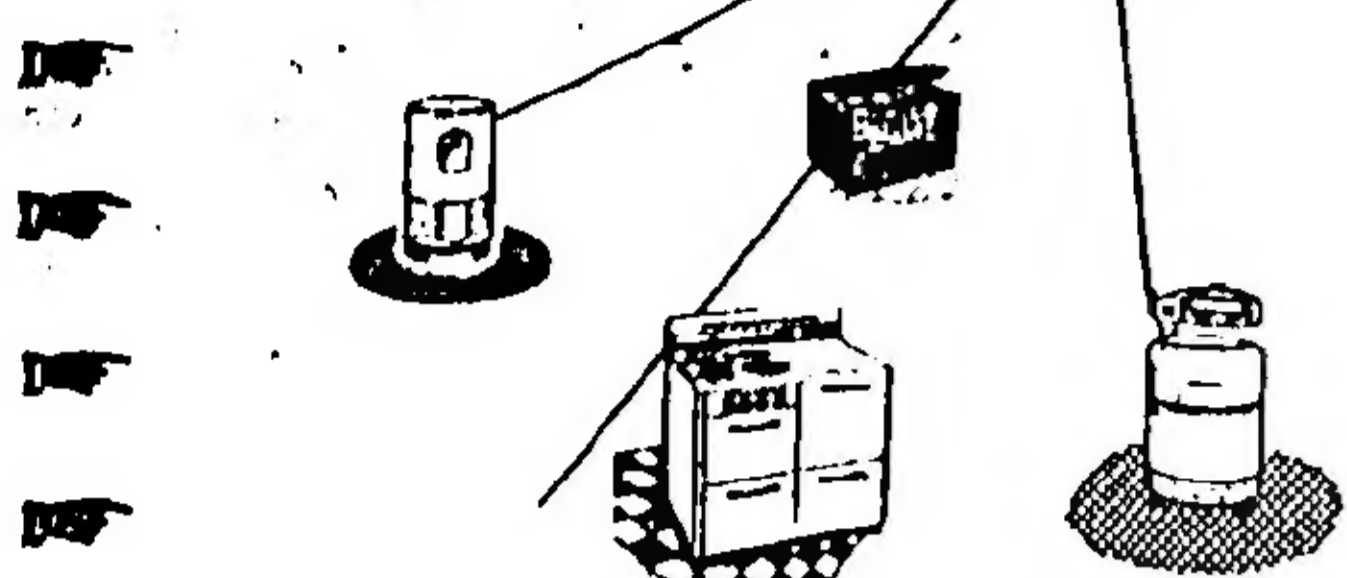
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Committee Cuts Aid To Europe Estimate

Washington, March 23.

The House Foreign Affairs Committee last night approved continuation of the European Recovery Programme, but it cut US\$200,000,000 off the amount which may be provided through July 1 next year.

However, the Committee approved a "book-keeping" transaction aimed at encouraging American investments in projects to promote European recovery.

House approval of the measure will be asked promptly. April 3 is the deadline on which the ECA is permitted to complete allocation of all the funds it now has available.

This is how the Committee reduced the amount of the programme: The Administration asked Congress to authorize US\$1,550,000,000 fund for ECA to operate between April 3 and June 30, end of the current fiscal year. The Committee cut that figure by US\$50,000,000.

For the following fiscal year, the ECA asked US\$4,200,000,000. The Committee approved that amount in full. The Administration also wanted authority to make contracts for purchase of US\$150,000,000 worth of supplies to close any gap in the programme during the next fiscal year. The Committee refused.

The measure does not carry any money for ECA operations. It is merely an authorization. The actual funds must be voted in a later bill.

Paris Meeting

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has approved authorization of the full US\$5,500,000,000 asked by the Administration. Debate is expected to start there as soon as the U.S. Rent Control Bill is acted upon finally, probably later this week.

Meanwhile the Marshall Aid Organization's 19 member Council will meet in Paris tomorrow to ratify a 1949-50 plan of action, drafted recently by the eight Ministers forming the Western European Economic Council.

The plan, drawn up during a five-day meeting, which ended on March 8, aims at financial stability in all the Marshall aid

nations by 1949. It will ask each member country to provide a report on its internal financial position by May 1, without prejudice to budget secrecy.

The plan also proposes that the seven-member Executive Committee of the Organization for European Economic Co-operation should report any aspects of these reports which appear to indicate that a member is not carrying out the undertakings on financial and monetary stabilisation to which it is pledged.

Fiscal Stability

It also proposes that each country be asked to report on its export drive, on measures to increase productivity and to reduce or eliminate trade barriers.

Mr. Averell Harriman, Marshall Plan special Ambassador in Europe, said after the Economic Cabinet meetings that he believed the plan of action would substantially improve the prospects of European independence of special assistance by 1952, when American aid is due to end.

He regarded the plan's proposal for the financial and monetary stabilisation of Europe this year as the most pressing section.

"Fiscal stability—confidence in currencies—is the most needed thing," he said.

Mr. Harriman felt that while a good deal of progress had been made, there is still a tremendous opportunity for increased productivity in Western Europe's factories and farms. He believed the action suggested to reduce trade barriers and to bring about the maximum flow of goods would help to restore the balance of intra-European trade. Associated Press and Reuter.

Briton In Incident In Prague

Prague, March 22.

Mr. Philip Wildaah, British permit officer in Prague with the rank of Consul, was arrested early today by Czechoslovak police at his home and released late this afternoon.

There was no official announcement of his arrest, or of his status after his release.

Mr. Wildaah, a former captain in the Guards, handled applications of persons in Czechoslovakia for visas to enter British occupation areas in Germany. American and French military permit officers are also stationed here. Associated Press.

RUSSIANS POSING AS BENEFACTORS

Berlin, March 23.

The Russians are posing as benefactors of Western Berlin in the currency war.

They invited Western Berliners to visit the Soviet part of the town to spend their East Marks, newly outlawed in the U.S., British and French sectors. Some Western Berliners did.

Communist editors played up the offer with such headlines as "No Soviet Counter-Measures at Expense of the Population" and "Berlin Population Gets Help."

This is the population the Russians have been blockading for nearly a year. U.S. financial experts said that conceivably by the propaganda is the fact the Russians could not retaliate without hurting the Soviet zone more than Western Berlin. A. J. Warner, financial expert for the American military government, said the cost of any reprisal such as printing new

social zone currency would be exorbitant.

The Russian promise was announced by Colonel Alexander Jelskovic, the acting Soviet Commandant of Berlin.

It means Western Berliners can convert their West Marks into East Marks at a profit and spend them in Soviet-occupied territory.

Perhaps as a result of this move, the East Mark rallied on the West Berlin money market. It was quoted at five to one, compared to a low of 10 for one West Mark on Monday. Before the Western powers announced on Sunday that the West Mark would be the only legal currency for their sectors, the East Mark was quoted at four for one. Associated Press.

London, March 22. Mr. Ernest Bevin, Foreign Secretary, today said U. Olin, now Burmese Ambassador in London, "It was U. Olin's first visit since his arrival last Thursday."—Reuter.

NO CHANGE IN JAPAN CONTROL IS PLANNED

Washington, March 23.

High official quarters insist there is no plan here to transfer the Japan occupation to civilian control in the immediate future.

A Government official, well informed on Japanese affairs, commented: "The best that can be said about it is that the project has received only general discussion in the Army and State Departments."

While concerned officials say the subject is a live one, they emphasize that statements by Kenneth C. Royall, Army Secretary, that he would like to place Japanese affairs in civilian hands as soon as practicable do not mean such action is imminent.

Officials of the Far Eastern Commission also profess to believe that the military administration of Japan will be continued indefinitely.

"Setting up civilian control there has not been discussed by the Commission," a spokesman of the 11-nation Japan control group said.

"In any such fundamental change in handling Japanese affairs, the Commission should be consulted," he said.

The rules under which the Commission functions say that U.S. may make unilateral decisions regarding Japan on urgent matters, but that changes in the regime of control will be issued only following consultation and following attainment of agreement in the Far Eastern Commission.

Commission members point to this regulation as requiring that any change in authority in Japan must receive Commission approval before it can be effective.

Ambiguous

These circles also say the Commission charter (terms of reference) specifies that Commission decisions will be sent to the Supreme Commander in Japan for execution. Should this official be replaced by other authority, it would necessitate changes in the Commission's rules of procedure, it is held by some Commission officials.

As recently as last month, President Truman said during a press conference that there are no changes being considered regarding the occupation of Japan. The Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, said about the same

time that he saw no changes coming in American policy toward Japan.

However, despite these somewhat ambiguous denials, it is generally accepted here that the Army would like to relieve itself of the grim responsibility of Japan, but that the State Department is not enthusiastic about assuming it.

Concerning General Douglas MacArthur, his recent statement saying he intended to carry on in Japan until the peace treaty is signed (unless he is ordered elsewhere) is generally accepted here as notification that the Supreme Commander wishes to continue with his present authority until peace is formally proclaimed.

All circles here agree that General MacArthur is doing a good job in Japan. However, that is not considered to be the prime consideration in the question of whether to establish a civilian authority in Japan.

Growing Feeling

Japan is moving more and more into the civilian activities of the post-war world. General MacArthur, the Army here and all others concerned, are speeding this progress as fast as possible.

The result is that there is a growing feeling on the part of some planners that all affairs in Japan, except purely military matters, would be better off now in civilian hands.

Without indicating such a change is imminent, these same people profess to believe that such a change in administration could be made with but little disturbing effect on the present trend of affairs in Japan.

They say a civilian would simply take over as regards all matters but the purely military and that affairs in Japan would continue in their present development.

Vital Role

Whatever the position may be on setting up a high civilian authority in Tokyo, it seems very clear here that the current emphasis is upon making a full success of the new economic policy for Japan.

General MacArthur is playing a vital role in the new programme and it would be very surprising if any move was undertaken that would interrupt or terminate his efforts in that respect.

Officials here strongly uphold this view and thereby seem to conclude that no change in General MacArthur's supreme command is in the offing. Associated Press.

CHANNEL ISLES DISPUTE

St. Helier, Jersey, March 22.

The Jersey States (Parliament) today acceded to a French Government request that the question of the ownership of the Minquiers and Acreches Reefs, between Jersey and the French coast, should be referred to the United Nations. The British Government had requested the States of Jersey to submit their observations in order to prevent long litigation. Reuter.

MADRID BITTER

London, March 22.

Madrid Radio tonight broadcast the text of a letter written by Mr. Winston Churchill in October, 1944, in which the then Prime Minister declared that Britain was not disposed to consider any grouping of powers in Western Europe born in hostility to our Russian Allies, or based on the supposed need of a defence against them.

The letter, written by Mr. Churchill, was in reply to a communication from General Franco, who wrote: "As we do not believe in the good faith of Communist Russia, and moreover know the insidious power of the Bolsheviks, we are compelled to contemplate the destruction and weakening of her neighbours will greatly enhance both her ambitions and her power and strength." The Madrid Radio commentator remarked that at the moment when the Spanish idea is being turned into reality, invitations are sent out to the whole world except Spain. Reuter.

BRITON FREED

Paris, March 22.

Michael Ealand-Eaton, a British subject, charged before a Paris court with "having worthless cheques," was released on provisional liberty last night. He was arrested in Paris on March 3. Reuter.

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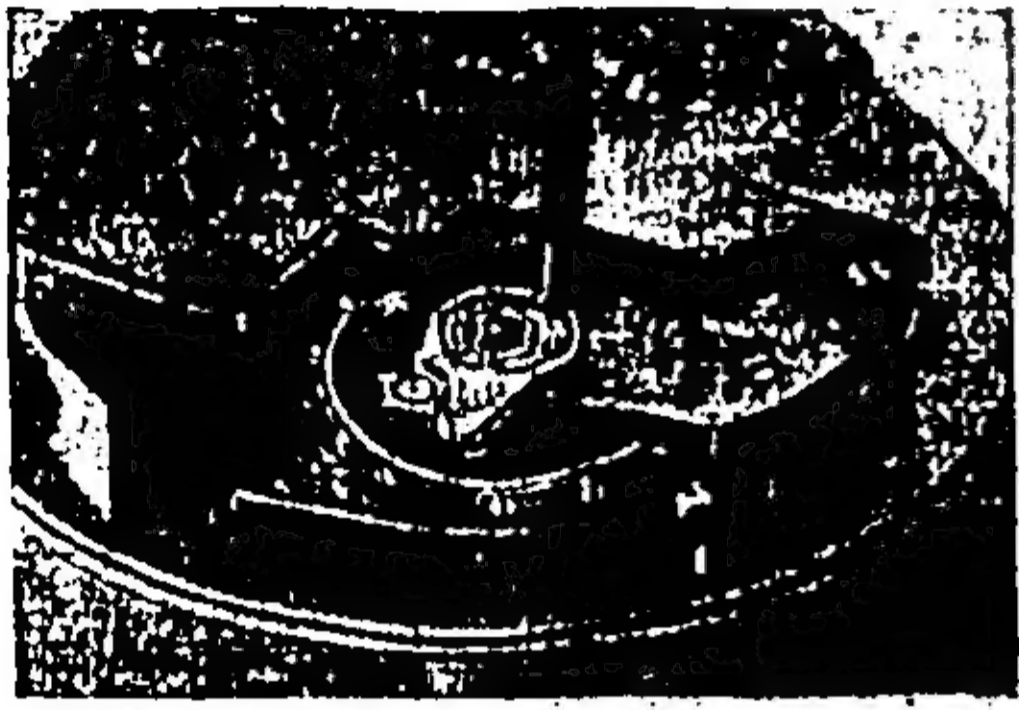


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As a matter of fact, in the last few years appeared watches without index-regulators. Some of them had been definitely better of all means for easily and quickly checking the daily rate, others we refer here to ERNEST BOREL Chronometers and Watches were fitted with a special balance including movable or bendable masses permitting, when radially displaced, to secure slight discrepancies in the period of oscillation of the balance. The leading horologists in Switzerland and in France have closely studied the new device, on several occasions they published in the trade papers, the most interesting timing results obtained with such regulatorless watches. Thousands of Rating Certificates delivered by the Swiss Official Controlling



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Officers for the Observation of Watches, to ERNEST BOREL chronometer-makers, further enhance the unquestionable advantages realized through eliminating the curb-plus which constitute an everlasting source of trouble and unsteadiness in the running, chiefly in wrist-watches.

However, as there is no rose without a thorn, that somewhat drastic solution of the problem, also betrays a dark side, as it impedes an easy adjustment of the daily rate. Indeed, we are bound to acknowledge it is already asking much of a repairer, or even of a skilled watchmaker abroad, to make him perform a thorough checking of adjustment, along with milling the balance-screws or adding washers, just for a mere alteration in the daily rate. Displacing the movable masses or projections around the balance-rim also means an operation rather delicate and complicated to execute by a watchmaker having no experience in the new system. Therefore, despite of the immediate advantages that manufacturers could find in the absence of curb-plus, it has been thought advisable to take into account the opinion of watch-repairers who, fearing difficulties later on, were not overwilling to urge the sale of watches devoid of regulators.

As Mr. L. Defossez, formerly Principal to the Horological School at Le Locle, explained in his article on "The balance without index and regulating," published in No. 3, 1940, of the "Journal Suisse d'Horlogerie," the ideal solution does not consist in eliminating the index-regulator, but lies in any organ "securing a loose grip of the hairspring while permitting the squeezing point to be displaced lengthwise." Mr. G. A. Barner, Principal to the Biennet Technical School is of the same opinion. The alternative solution

Furthermore, to facilitate cleaning, the hairspring may be readily "unstudded" then refitted. However, as all ERNEST BOREL INCASTAR watches are also provided with INCASTAR, the repairer who would object to separating the hairspring from the cock will find it most convenient to clean the inner balance-pivot and the jewels by taking the INCASTAR to pieces.

Should a watch-dealer or repairer happen to be startled at a novelty likely to involve a complicated mechanism or unusual device, the INCASTAR, on the contrary, will reveal great simplicity, both in structure and handling. This invention embodies really so great an advantage that no such interesting development has been seen in the technique of horological engineering for the manufacture of serial watches.

DAMPER ON HOPES OF AID TO CHINA

Washington, March 23.

TALKS ON TARIFFS REDUCTION

Geneva, March 23. The most extensive tariff negotiations in the history of world trade are scheduled to open in the nearby French town of Annecy on April 11.

Delegations from 36 countries in all parts of the world are to meet at Annecy to negotiate individual tariff concessions with each other. The talks among the 900 delegates are expected to continue for at least three months, and may result in more than 300 separate tariff agreements between the participating countries.

The 36 negotiating countries comprise two groups, one of 23 countries which have already concluded tariff agreements with each other and another of 13 countries which are newcomers.

The original group of 23 met at Geneva in 1947 and drew up tariff agreements, among themselves covering two-thirds of the world's trade. In addition to 123 individual bilateral agreements, the participating countries also signed an overall tariff and trade agreement on a multilateral basis. This agreement, known as the "General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade," became a forerunner of the world trade charter which was subsequently signed by 53 nations at Havana.

The Havana charter seems unlikely to come into force for some time, and the Geneva agreement remains the only legal instrument at the moment establishing the so-called "most favoured nation" principle, in tariffs. Under this principle, all the contracting states undertake to apply the same tariffs to all other members of the group as they applied to their "most favoured nation." If the United Kingdom, for example, granted a tariff concession to Belgium, all the other negotiating countries were automatically accorded the same concession.

During the three months' negotiations, the 13 newcomers will draw up tariff agreements with each of the original contracting states and with each of the other newcomers. Associated Press.

Britain Losing Her Patience

London, March 22.

Britain today warned that she is losing patience with Russia's tactics in the Four Power talks on the Austrian treaty.

The British delegate, James Majoribanks, said: "We have been exceedingly patient but confess that the sands of patience are running out."

Other Western sources also accused Russia of filibustering in the treaty talks which today completed the sixth week.

George Zarubin of Russia is using every possible tactic to avoid decisions but at the same time to prolong discussions.

After the meeting broke up without making progress, the

GESTAPO CHARGE ABSURD

London, March 22. A Trade Union Congress spokesman today denied Moscow Radio allegations that the British Trade Union Movement has its own secret police to check Communist infiltration.

"There is no Gestapo at Transport House (the TUC Headquarters) and the suggestion is absurd," he declared.

The Moscow broadcast followed last week's statement from TUC Headquarters on Communist infiltration into local trade union councils. The spokesman added today that the Trade Union Councils are not secret police, but are the only legal organizations of the TUC.

He said that there is evidence that certain of the Councils have been infiltrated by Communists. He said that the Councils are not secret police, but are the only legal organizations of the TUC.

Chairman Tom Connally hinted strongly today that the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee will recommend no new funds for China this year.

Instead, he told a news conference, the Committee probably will authorize the expenditure of a \$58,000,000 carry-over from the present Economic Co-operation Act expiring on April 3.

He said authorization for use of the fund through December 31, 1949, probably would be placed in the new ECA Act which the Senate will start debating soon.

The move to make the \$58,000,000 carry-over available to the Chinese is in line with a House bill introduced by Representative John Kee of West Virginia.

Mr. Connally was asked if the Senate Committee planned any action on a bill by Senator McCarran, Nevada Democrat, to provide China with \$1,500,000,000 in economic and military aid.

Mr. Connally replied that the Committee had no plans to act on it. The Committee heard in closed session from Major General David G. Barr, Chief of the Joint Military Advisory Group to China, on the entire Chinese situation. Mr. Connally declined to disclose any details of General Barr's report.

No Defence
Another Committee member, asking not to be quoted by name, told reporters that General Barr said the Chinese

Communists can take over the whole of China at any time they wish.

He said General Barr also gave the Committee these opinions:

1. There is no line of defence South of the Yangtze River and the disorganized Nationalist Army is in no position to put up real opposition to the Reds.
2. The Communists probably will push supplies into China in the next two years while establishing a government. But after that will come "chaos."

U.S. Prestige Low

3. The United States has "lost face" with the Chinese because of the collapse of the Nationalist Army and the flight of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

American prestige is at a low ebb in all China. The masses of Chinese people still are loyal to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek—but they have an overwhelming desire for peace. Their trust in the Nationalist Government was badly shaken by corrupt officials. Associated Press.

EMPIRE MEETING ON THE PACIFIC

London, March 22.

The Commonwealth Prime Ministers are expected to meet in London on April 22 for a 10-day conference on urgent defence and constitutional problems.

The countries represented at the conference, which is still subject to final endorsement by the Dominions, will be India, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Pakistan, Ceylon and Britain.

The conference follows Britain's recent despatch of four ministerial and official envoys to the Commonwealth countries to discuss with the Dominion leaders

matters arising out of the Prime Ministers' Conference in London last October.

Official London quarters have remained silent so far on the results of the talks between the British envoys and Dominion statesmen.

The agenda for the London conference, which is assumed to have been agreed to in these talks, is also being kept a close secret.

General speculation links the London meeting with defence and the threat to security caused by the recent upsurge of Communism in Far Eastern countries.

India, through Pandit Nehru, its Prime Minister, played a distinguished part in the London conference last October, and Parliamentary quarters believe she may again be cast for a key role.

It is generally assumed that in accordance with her declared intention India will shortly announce her national status as an independent democratic republic. Reuter.

DANISH ROYALTY INDISPOSED

Copenhagen, March 22.

All the members of the Danish Royal Family were confined to their beds through illness today.

King Frederik had to postpone a State Council because of a severe attack of lumbago. Slight influenza kept Queen Ingrid and the three Princesses in bed. Reuter.

Red Army's Changes in Germany

Berlin, March 22.

Tens of thousands of Soviet troops newly arrived from Russia are expected to take part in Eastern Zone manoeuvres which began today, according to German sources in close touch with the Soviet zone authorities.

The new troops are mainly 19 and 20-year-old conscripts serving out their period of national service in Germany after preliminary training in Russia, the reports said.

After the manoeuvres, due to last about a month, these troops are expected to take over occupation duties from older men, many of them war veterans, who are gradually being demobilized. Reuter.

Committee Formed To Help China

Washington, March 23.

A group of private citizens interested in aiding Nationalist China has announced the formation of the "China Emergency Committee."

The chairman is Frederick C. McKee, a Pittsburgh business man. Other members include the executive director, E. Trowbridge von Baur, a Washington attorney; treasurer, M. Curtis, Atlantic City attorney; Reverend I.C. Wise, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Blackwood, New Jersey; Reverend Brown Harris, pastor of the Foundry Methodist Church of Washington.

The official announcement said: "It is not too late to give China effective help. She needs three things: moral support, economic aid on some reasonable basis and military aid."

Mr. McKee has long been interested in China. In 1937-38 he was publicly active in opposing shipments of American scrap metal to Japan.

"Of vital importance to us is the steadily deteriorating situation in China, already gone unheeded for far too long a period."

"While we are taking strong counter-measures against Communist aggression in Greece, Turkey and Europe, our lack of affirmative action in the Orient has had the effect of actually encouraging Communism in China."

It called on the United States to issue a clear statement promising aid to China. It advocated loans, secured by Customs duties or exports, and recalled "China has never defaulted on a penny of her obligations to us and, indeed, has repaid to us millions she has borrowed." It added "A military mission can be sent to China similar to the military mission now in Greece, where the situation is substantially the same." United Press.

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INTERNAL
DISORDERS

At a time when the Far East is plagued by civil disturbance and Hong Kong is preparing a defence organisation to cope with trouble potentially as serious as that in Malaya, comes news from London of rioting there. Back to their pre-war tricks, adherents of opposing dictatorships, Communism and Fascism, have broken up each other's meeting, injuring spectators and policemen.

The Home Secretary has finally acted by banning all political processions in the London area, a step he announced with regret, adding, "It is intolerable that the streets of the metropolis should be made a battleground for opposing factions."

In a land which prides itself on freedom of speech and association, this is indeed a regrettable step, but the times are out of joint, and many more restrictions of freedom may have to be imposed as time goes on. It is to be hoped, however, that the most extreme care is taken to see that the public is not enmeshed further in the tangle of prohibitive red tape. During the war, many liberties were voluntarily given up in Britain because of the emergency, but these were not returned when the fighting was over. Governments do not easily abandon power, and can always find a seemingly valid reason for its retention. Provided due safeguards are taken, it is nevertheless necessary to defend the people's welfare against the totalitarian fanatics who will progressively intensify their activities.

The position in Hong Kong is vastly different from that at Home. There the agitators have largely to work in the open—apart of course from the unseen burrowing into trade unions and other organisations. Here the spread of insurrection is almost wholly underground. Disaffection is stirred up by whispering campaigns, by personal contact with workmen, by obliquely guiding labour leaders towards a certain objective. A strike, for instance, may be Communist-motivated, but you will not find Communists at the head. They are temporarily content to be behind the throne.

Many of Reds in Hong Kong are known to the authorities, but understandably many others are not, and it would be easy for unknown, trained, agitators from the North to enter the Colony every day, if the occasion arose. So, however skilled they may be, and remarkable though their knowledge of the underworld is, our police and defence chiefs are to some extent working in the dark, against an unseen enemy.

If insurrection does come, it will probably arrive fully fledged, and the ingenuity and adaptability of the authorities will be strained to the limit. Enlistment for the Defence Force has been slow; as anticipated months ago in these columns, but there is every indication that the military and civil planners are building up a comprehensive, flexible, framework of defence, with highly-trained men in charge, who will be quick and effectively assimilated.

Before the war the United States was governed by the Neutrality Act, which obliged the President on September 3, 1939, to place an embargo on all shipments of arms of any kind to the belligerent nations. Ten days later he had called Congress to a special session to consider the removal of this ban, which, under the appearance of impartiality, virtually deprived Great Britain and France of all the advantages of the command of the seas in the transport of munitions and supplies. It was not until the end of November, 1939, after many weeks of discussion and agitation, that the Neutrality Act was repealed, and the new principle of "Cash and Carry" substituted.

This still preserved the appearance of strict neutrality for Americans were as free to do that part of the United States, sell weapons to Germany as to the Allies. In fact, however, our sea power prevented any German traffic, while Britain and France could "carry" freely as long as they had "cash." Three days after the passage of the new law our Purchasing Commission, headed by Mr. Arthur Purvis, a man of outstanding ability, began its work.

New Gold

Britain entered the war with about \$4,500,000,000 in dollars, or in gold and in United States investments that could be turned into dollars. The only way in which these resources could be increased was by new gold production in the British Empire, mainly of course in South Africa, and by vigorous efforts to export goods, principally luxury goods such as whisky, fine woollens and pottery, to the United States. By these means an additional \$2,000,000,000 were procured during the first 16 months of the war.

During the period of "The Twil-ight War" we were torn between a vehement desire to order munitions in America and gnawing fear as our dollar resources dwindled. Always in Mr. Chamberlain's day the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir John Simon, would tell us that the lamentable state of our dollar resources and emphasize the need for conserving them. It was more or less accepted that we should have to reckon with a rigorous limitation of purchases from the United States. We asked Mr. Purvis to see to it that we had a safe haven in a desert island on short rations which we must stretch as far as we could.

This had meant elaborate arrangements for eking out our money. In peace we imported freely and made payments as we liked. When war came we had to create a machine which mobilised gold and dollars and other private assets, which stopped the ill-disposed from remitting their funds to countries where they felt things were safe, and which cut out wasteful imports and other expenditures.

Their Fate

On top of making sure that we did not waste our money, we had to see that others went on taking it. This was the Sterling Area with us; they adopted the same kind of exchange control policy as we did and were willing takers and holders of sterling. With others we made special arrangements by which we paid them in sterling, which could be used anywhere in the sterling area, and they undertook to hold any sterling for which they had no immediate use and to keep dealings at the official rate of exchange. Such arrangements were originally made with the Argentine and Sweden, but were extended to a number of other countries on the Continent and in South America.

These arrangements were completed after the spring of 1940, and it was a matter of satisfaction—and a tribute to sterling—that we were able to achieve and maintain them in circumstances of such difficulty. In this way we were able to go on dealing with most parts of the world in sterling, and to conserve most of our precious gold and dollars for our purchases in the United States.

When the war exploded into hideous reality in May, 1940, we were conscious that a new era had dawned in Anglo-American relations. From the time I formed the new Government and "Sir Kingsley Wood" became Chancellor of the Exchequer we followed a simpler plan, namely to order directly and possibly could and leave future financial problems on the lap of the Eternal Gods. Fighting for life and presently alone under ceaseless bombardment, with invasion glaring upon us, it would have been false economy and misdirected prudence to worry too much about what would happen when our dollars ran out. We were conscious of the tremendous changes taking place in American opinion, and of the growing belief, not only in Washington but throughout the Union, that their fate was bound up with ours.

A Way

Moreover, at this time an intense wave of sympathy and admiration for Britain surged across the

American nation. Very friendly signals were made to us from Washington direct and also through Canada, encouraging our boldness and indicating that somehow or other a way would be found. In Mr. Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, the cause of the Allies had a tireless champion. The taking over of the French contracts in June had almost doubled our rate of spending across the Atlantic. Besides this we placed new orders for aeroplanes, tanks and merchant ships in every direction, and promoted the building of great new factories in the United States and Canada.

Up till November, 1940, we had paid for everything we had received. We had already sold \$335,000,000 worth of American shares requisitioned for sterling from private owners in Britain. We had paid out over \$4,500,000,000 in cash. We had only \$2,000,000,000 left, the greater part in investments, many of which were not readily marketable. It was plain that we could not go on any longer this way. Even if we divested ourselves of all our gold and foreign assets we could not pay for half we had ordered, and the extension of the war made it necessary for us to have ten times as much. We must keep something in hand to carry on our daily affairs.

Personal Letter

Lothian was confident that the President and his advisers were earnestly seeking the best way to help us. Now that the election was over, the moment to act had come. "Can you discuss the sale of the Treasury were proceeding in Washington between their representative, Sir Frederick Phillips, and Mr. Morgenthau. The Ambassador urged me to write a full statement of our position to the President. Accordingly that Sunday at Ditchley I drew up, in consultation with him, a personal letter.

On November 16, I telegraphed to Roosevelt, "I am writing you a very long letter on the outlook for 1941 which, Lord Lothian will give you in a few days." As the letter had to be checked and rechecked by the Chiefs of Staff and the Treasury, and approved by the War Cabinet, it was not completed before Lothian's return to Washington. On November 26 I sent him a message, "I am still struggling with my letter to the President, but hope to cable it to you in a few days." In its final form the letter was dated December 8 and was immediately sent to the President. As it gives a view of the whole situation agreed to by all concerned in London, and as it played a recognizable part in our fortunes, it deserves to be included in this book.

Today's instalment contains extracts from the letter (in its original form nearly 4,000 words long) which Mr. Churchill sent President Roosevelt in December, 1940. As the author emphasised in the last article, this letter covers more than the dollar problem, which prompted it, and indeed deals with the whole war situation as Mr. Churchill saw it at the time.

My dear Mr. President, As we reach the end of this year, I feel you will expect me to lay before you the prospects for 1941. I do so with candour and confidence, because it seems to me that the vast majority of American citizens have recorded their conviction that the safety of the United States as well as the future of our two Democracies and the kind of civilization for which they stand, are bound up with the survival and independence of the British Commonwealth of Nations.

The form which this war has taken, and seems likely to hold, does not enable us to make the immense armies of Germany, in any theatre where their main power can be brought to bear. We can, however, by the use of sea power and air power, meet the German armies in regions where only comparatively small forces can be brought into action. We must do our best to prevent the German domination of Europe spreading into Africa and into Southern Asia. We have also to maintain in constant readiness in island archipelagoes enough to make the problem of an overseas invasion

impossible. For these purposes we are forming as fast as possible, as you are already aware, between 60 and 80 divisions. Even if the United States were our Ally, instead of our friend and indispensable partner, we should not ask for a large American expeditionary army to carry it on till the limiting factor, and the power to transport munitions and supplies claims priority over the movement of sea of large numbers of soldiers.

We Need

The danger of Great Britain being destroyed by a swift, overwhelming blow has for the time being very greatly receded. The decision for 1941 lies upon the seas. Unless we can establish our ability to carry it on till the limit of the Continental Dictators is broken, we may fall by the way, and the time needed by the United States to complete her defensive preparations may not be forthcoming. It is therefore in shipping and in the power to transport across the oceans, particularly the Atlantic Ocean, that in 1941 the crunch of the whole war will be found.

Our shipping losses, the figures for which in recent months are appended, have been on a scale almost comparable to that of the worst year of the last war. In the five weeks ending November 3 losses reached a total of 420,300 tons. Our estimate of annual tonnage which ought to be imported in order to maintain our effort at full strength is 43m. tons; the tonnage entering in September was only at the rate of 37m. tons, and in October of 38m. tons. Were this diminution to continue at this rate it would be fatal, unless indeed immensely greater replenishment than anything at present in sight could be achieved in time. Although we are doing all we can to meet this situation by new methods, the difficulty of limiting losses is obviously much greater than in the last war. We lack the assistance of the French Navy, the Italian Navy and the Japanese Navy, and above all of the United States Navy, which was of such vital help to us during the campaigning years.

An Excuse

The enemy commands the ports all around the Northern and Western coasts of France. He is increasingly basing his submarines, flying-boats and combat planes on these ports and on the islands off the French coast. We are denied the use of the ports or territory of Brest in which to organise our coastal patrols by air and sea. In fact we have now only one effective route of entry to the British Isles, namely, the Northern Approaches, against which the enemy is increasingly concentrating, reaching ever farther out by U-boat action and long-distance aircraft bombing. In addition, there have for some months been merchant-ship raiders, both in the Atlantic and Indian Oceans. And now we have the powerful warship-rider to contend with as well. We need ships both to hunt down and to escort. Large as are our resources and preparations, we do not possess enough.

There is a second field of danger: the Vichy Government may, either by joining Hitler's New Order in Europe or through some manoeuvre, such as forcing us to attack an expedition despatched by sea against the French Colonies, find an excuse for ranging with the Axis Powers the very considerable undamaged naval forces still under its control. If the French Navy were to join the Axis, the control of West Africa would pass immediately into their hands, with the grave consequences to our communications between the Northern and Southern Atlantic, and also affecting Dakar and of course thereafter South America. A third sphere of danger is in the Far East. Here it seems clear that Japan is thrusting Southward through Indo-China

to Saigon and other naval and air bases, thus bringing them within a comparatively short distance of Singapore and the Dutch East Indies. It is reported that the Japanese are preparing five good divisions for possible use as an overseas expeditionary force. We have today no forces in the East capable of dealing with this situation should it develop.

Common Cause

In the face of these dangers we must try to use the year 1941 to build up today's supply of weapons, particularly of aircraft, both by increased output at home in spite of bombardment, and through ocean-borne supplies, as will lay the foundations of victory. In view of the difficulty and magnitude of this task, as outlined by all the facts I have set forth, to which many others could be added, I feel entitled, nay bound, to lay before you the various ways in which the United States could give supreme and decisive help to what is, in certain aspects, the common cause. The prime need is to check or limit the loss of tonnage on the Atlantic approaches to our island. This may be achieved both by increasing the naval forces which cope with the attacks, and by adding to the number of merchant ships on which we depend. For the first purpose there would seem to be the following alternatives:

(1) The reassertion by the United States of the doctrine of the freedom of the seas from illegal and barbarous methods of warfare. In accordance with the decisions reached after the late Great War, and as freely accepted and defined by Germany in 1935. From this, United States ships should be free to trade with countries against which there is not an effective legal blockade. (2) It would, I suggest, follow that protection should be given to this lawful trading by United States forces, i.e., escorting battleships, cruisers, destroyers and air flotillas. The protection would be immensely more effective if you were able to obtain bases in Brest for the duration of the war. I think it is improbable that such protection would provoke a declaration of war by Germany upon the United States, though probably sea incidents of a dangerous character would from time to time occur. Herr Hitler has shown himself inclined to avoid the Kaiser's mistake. He does not wish to be drawn into war with the United States until he has gravely undermined the power of Great Britain. His maxim is "One at a time."

The Control

The policy I have ventured to outline, or something like it, would constitute a decisive act of constructive non-belligerency by the United States, and more than any other measure, would make it certain that British resistance could be effectively prolonged for the desired period of victory gained.

(3) Failing the above, the gift, loan, or supply of a large number of American vessels of war, above all destroyers, already in the Atlantic is indispensable to the maintenance of the Atlantic route. Further, could not the United States Naval Forces extend their sea control of the American side of the Atlantic, so as to prevent the



Pacific, North Atlantic and Mediterranean pack. All most of us want is just ordinary pay.

"Big open air rally, barbecue, Good food, good talk. From 9 o'clock. Programmes in. Candles 6d. If windy, please bring a torch." We're not nervous.

So we can rest easy because America has the mightiest air force, etc. etc. But before Pearl Harbour, America had the mightiest navy, etc. etc.

According to a contemporary yesterday, a Chinese woman said, "I am his 'Lo Ku' (sweet-heart)." Hot stuff.

A correspondent says he was slapped violently on the back by a complete stranger, who immediately apologised and said it was a case of mistaken nonentity.

All cows may soon munch microbes.

If Miner has his way. The millions this will save us. Cannot be classed as hay...

The daughter of a wealthy local resident was asked at school to write an essay about a poor family. She started off: "Once upon a time there was a poor family. The father was poor. The mother was poor. The children were poor. The cooks were poor. The animals were poor. The chauffeur was poor. Everybody was poor."

Advice to correspondent: Don't worry if your hair falls out. Suppose it ached and had to be pulled out, like teeth.

Kwangtung was the cradle of the Kuomintang, and it's an old tradition in China to go home to die.

"Japan open to tourists." See the tiger in his cage...

An American farmer has made a model of New York out of a huge cheese. He denies that mice helped him with the subways.

"Oh, mother, I could never marry him. He's got red hair." "I know, my child, but haven't you noticed it's beginning to fall out?"

A stage magician fell in love with his assistant. He loved her from the first moment he saved her.

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U.S. REFUSES ENTRY VISAS TO BRITONS

Actress, Novelist And Prominent Professors

LOUIS GOLDING BANNED

London, March 22.

The British film actress, Miss Patricia Burke, told a press conference here today that, with two British scientists and an author, she has been refused entry to the United States to attend the Cultural and Scientific Congress for World Peace in New York.

Miss Burke said the United States had refused to give her reasons for cancelling the visa she had obtained last week. "I think the reason is that I made a speech at the International Women's Day celebrations. It was the only public speech I have ever made."

Also banned with Miss Burke from the United States are the novelist, Louis Golding, author of the best seller "Magnolia Street," Professor J. D. Bernal, Cambridge University calligrapher, and Dr. J. G. Crowther, scientist and writer.

The banned delegates told their individual stories at the press conference.

Miss Burke, who was born in Italy and educated in England, Australia and the United States, said that she had been very honoured to be invited to go to the Congress but had been intending to go to the United States anyway to see a new Broadway show in which she may appear.

She had protested at the American Embassy yesterday when her visa was cancelled but had been told that the reason was "confidential."

Miss Burke said she had greetings to read to the Peace Conference from Dame Sylvia Thorne and Dame Edith Evans—both famous British actresses who had been invited but were unable to attend.

When she asked Embassy whether she would be allowed to go to the United States soon on private business, they had told her: "Come back in about a month."

Political Views

Professor Bernal said: "We were all invited individually by the Committee of the Congress. I was summoned to the Consulate, where I was asked about my political views. I informed them that they were well-known and could be found in my books. The whole affair of cancelling my visa took half a minute."

Professor Bernal said he hoped the British Government would take some action on the grounds that it was interference with the freedom of movement.

Dr. Crowther said he went to the Embassy on March 9 with his official invitation, which was addressed to him as Chairman of the British Cultural Committee of Peace. He was given a visa for two years.

He was summoned to the Consulate yesterday and asked to give the passport back after being asked whether he had attended the Wrocław Congress in Russia.

Dr. Crowther said he informed the official that Wrocław was in Poland. Asked for an explanation of the cancellation, the official said it was based on confidential information and no explanation was necessary.

"This is a very serious blow to the Americans and the British. It is peculiar that any American can come into Britain without any question but a Briton, who has been invited to America in the interests of peace, cannot enter the United States," Dr. Crowther added.

Mr. Louis Golding, the novelist, said he was in the habit of going to the United States, and had been there last in 1942. This new invitation coincided with a business trip to see his American publishers about his new novel "Honey for Ghosts," and a visit to friends and relatives.

When he applied for a visa he had been received very cordially, but when he was called back to the American Embassy the attitude was "grim, unfriendly and remote."

He was asked if he attended the Wrocław Conference last year. "I told them I was not a Red. I had never read Karl Marx. But I had gone to the conference in the interest of peace. The conference had been attended by people of the middle, right and left. I told them."

"The Catholic writer, Graham Greene and Compton Mackenzie, would have gone if they had had no other commitments at the time."

"Two hours after my visa was granted, it was cancelled," he said.

Not Official

The United States Embassy in London said at midday that Mr. Olaf Stapledon, who was also banned from the Congress, would after all be allowed to attend.

An Embassy spokesman said Mr. Stapledon will have his visa, but the other three will not. The spokesman could not clarify whether there had been a sudden change of policy, or whether reports earlier in the day that all four visas, including Mr. Stapledon's, had been withdrawn, were wrong.

In Washington, the State Department explained today that delegates from Russian and the Eastern European countries were being admitted to the "Peace Conference" in New York because they were official representatives.

Those from Britain, France, Italy and Latin America were not official Government delegates.

Mann's Telegram

Dr. Thomas Mann, the German-born novelist and Nobel Prize winner, today sent a telegram from Los Angeles to the Chairman of the Committee sponsoring the conference, Dr. Harlow Shapley.

Dr. Mann said: "Should your fine and important undertaking actually be harmed by the assiduous enemies of peace I should feel most sorry not so much for you and us and our conference as for the nations and the peoples of the world."

Dr. Mann is among the 500 artists, scientists, educators and religious leaders listed as sponsors of the conference.

Dr. Shapley protested today against the denial of visas to 12 delegates, including four Britons. Twenty-two East European delegates, including Russians, have been granted permission to attend the conference, which opens next week-end.

A Washington spokesman said they would fully represent the Communist cause and any pro-Communist spokesman of other nations would merely "parrot" the Soviet views.

Dr. Shapley said he had telegraphed Mr. Dean Acheson, asking him to reconsider the ban, which was "inimical to our good relations with the great peoples of Western Europe and Latin America."

Sponsors of the Congress in New York said that, as a result of the latest refusals of visas, the only foreign delegates certain to arrive were those from Eastern Europe and one from West Africa—Mr. A. Armattoe, of the Lomeshire Research Centre for Anthropology and Race Biology.

Usually well-informed quarters in Rome said today that the four members of the Italian delegation, reduced visas for the Congress, are: Signor Giulio Einaudi, book publisher and son of the Italian President, Signor Luigi Einaudi; Maria Michi, cinema actress; Massimo Girotti, actor; and Giuseppe de Santis, cinema director.

Dmitri Shostakovich, the Russian composer, and six other leading Soviet intellectuals, left Berlin tonight by an American Overseas Airline plane for New York to attend the Congress.

For an hour before they took off, the delegates sat in the glass-fronted hall of Tempelhof Aerodrome, while an increasing stream of four-engined American aircraft Skyliners landed with coal and food.

All the delegates refused to make any statement to press correspondents.—Reuter.

Pope Pius' Jubilee

Vatican City, March 22.

Pope Pius XII is celebrating the Jubilee on April 2 of his ordination as a Priest.

Vatican circles believe he may make a private visit and attend Mass at the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore in Rome, where he celebrated his first Mass.

The occasion will be celebrated officially the next day, Passion Sunday, when all Catholic Priests have been authorised to say second Mass in reparation for the offences of the world against God.

His Holiness will himself celebrate two Masses in the great Basilica of St. Peter's with a choir of 6,000 from the various colleges.—Reuter.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR HONG KONG?

The photo shows the Pentecostal Tabernacle at Homuntin, Kowloon.

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CHINESE ROUNDED UP IN SIAM

Bangkok, March 23.

Two hundred Chinese have been rounded up and will be deported from Siam for engaging in subversive political activity.

Arrest of the Chinese began after an attempted coup against the Siamese Government in February. Police said some of those arrested possessed illegal radios for communication with Hong Kong and Singapore.

Six of those held, they said, were former members of the Chinese Communist or Government armies.

Some of them who entered Siam illegally will first serve jail sentences before deportation.—Associated Press.

Irish Want To Remain British

London, March 22.

About 2,800 citizens of Eire have given notice to the Home Secretary, Mr. James Chuter Ede, that they wish to remain British subjects after Eire leaves the Commonwealth, the Lord Chancellor, Viscount Jowitt, told the House of Lords today.

He added that the claim to remain a British subject could be made at any future date in the lifetime of the Eirean citizen concerned.

"Until he does so, unless of course he is a British subject under one of the other provisions he is regarded in this country as a citizen of Eire and not an alien," Lord Jowitt said.

Legislation would be introduced soon to deal with the position of Eire citizens in Britain, he said. He added that he understood the Eire Government intends to bring the Republic of Ireland Act, which severs the link with the Crown, into operation on April 18.—Reuter.

Israel Complains Against Britain

Lake Success, March 22.

Israel today officially complained to the Security Council that the presence of British troops at Akaba, Red Sea port in Southern Palestine, is a violation of the Council's May 29 resolution.

It might have an adverse effect on the current armistice negotiations between Israel and Transjordan, it said.

An Israeli delegation statement issued to the press said: "The Israel Mission to the United Nations today expressed to members of the Security Council and to the Secretary-General its concern at the adverse effect which the presence of British troops in Transjordan may have on the current armistice negotiations between Israel and Transjordan at Rhodes."

"It is reported that the British forces at Akaba intend to take over other sections of the Transjordan-Israel frontier. The arrival of British troops in Akaba was a violation of the May 29 resolution of the Security Council, which forbade the introduction of fighting personnel to any of the countries engaging in the Palestine conflict by any power."

The reinforcement of those forces last week was an aggravation of that original infringement."

The statement went on to declare that the troops should be withdrawn. A British delegation spokesman said that the movement of British troops in Akaba was necessitated by previous apparently aggressive intentions of the Israeli forces.

He emphasized that in any case, British movements were in line with long-standing treaty agreements with Transjordan and had been duly reported to the United Nations.—Reuter.

Atomic Monopoly A "Fated Delusion"

Washington, March 22.

Soviet Russia not only has the atomic bomb but may already be manufacturing atomic weapons, Dr. David Bradley, an atomic scientist, said in a speech here today.

Dr. Bradley is the author of a report on the Bikini atom bomb tests. He said the belief that the United States has a monopoly of atomic knowledge is one of the four fated delusions which leave Americans unready for a possible atomic war.

"These four delusions are our greatest danger—greater than any scientific formula we might give away," Dr. Bradley asserted in a broadcast sponsored by the United States Conference of Mayors.

"First, the myth of the 'secret'—the idea that we possess and can keep the secret of making the atomic bomb. Gentlemen, there is no secret. Russia, you may be sure, has the scientific secret of atomic bombs."

"Two, the question of industrial know-how. This is at best a very temporary advantage, since anyone who can make an atomic pile can make plutonium. An industrialised Russia, aided by captured German scientists, may already be manufacturing atomic weapons."

"Three, the delusion that atomic weapons are absolute weapons. They are not. They have clear limitations and obvious strategic and tactical use."

"Four, the last, equally absurd and equally dangerous delusion is the current effort to play down the bomb—that atomic weapons are really of great account."

Dr. Bradley added that Mr. David Lillenthal, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, would be permitted to publish the Commission's analysis of the effects of the weapons. The official report on the Bikini bomb tests should also be made available, the doctor said.

"Panic and hysteria are the result of ignorance," he added. "Keeping our people in ignorance will be about as successful as building a Maginot Line of cemetaries in the middle of the ocean."—Reuter.

ECONOMIC REFORMS FORECAST

Shanghai, March 23.

Another revision of China's financial and economic policy is likely shortly.

Before leaving for Nanking by train last night, the new Finance Minister, Mr. S. Y. Liu, was quoted by the Chinese press as saying that his predecessor, Mr. Hsu Kan's reform measures might need revising to cope with the present national situation.

He added that he would discuss the matter with the Premier, General Ho Ying-chin, and the Acting President, Li Tsung-jen, and later with financial leaders here and high officials in Canton.

Gold bars and United States dollars declined fairly sharply late yesterday afternoon as a result of dumping by the Central Bank.

Gold bars slumped to GY-517,000 per ounce and greenbacks to GY10,350. Commodity prices also fell somewhat, but the price of bread and rice rose to new heights with further big increases.

Raised for the fifth time this month, bread was sold for GY-950 per pound this morning, compared with GY700 yesterday, while rice hovered around GY-70,000 per picul of 170 pounds weight.—Reuter.

Civil Aviation Talks Open

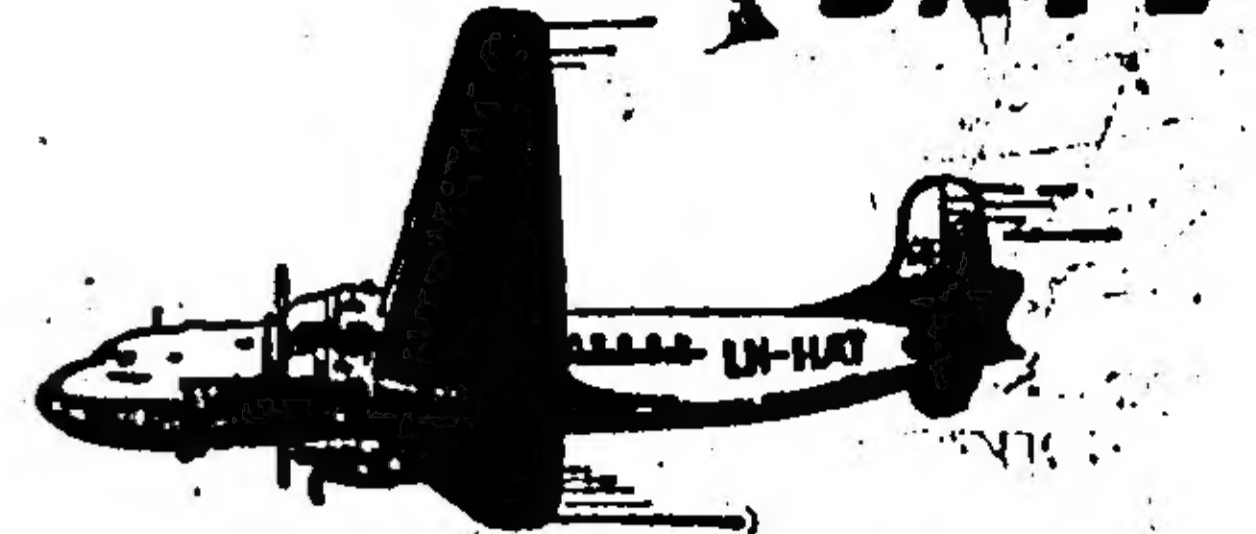
London, March 22.

The International Civil Aviation Organisation Conference to discuss the standardisation of practices and procedures in air navigation in the African and Indian Ocean region opened here today.

Delegates numbering 150 came from Argentina, Australia, the Belgian Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Italy, The Netherlands, Portugal, the Sudan, South Africa, Britain and the United States.

India, Pakistan, Transjordan and The Lebanon were invited but did not attend.—Reuter.

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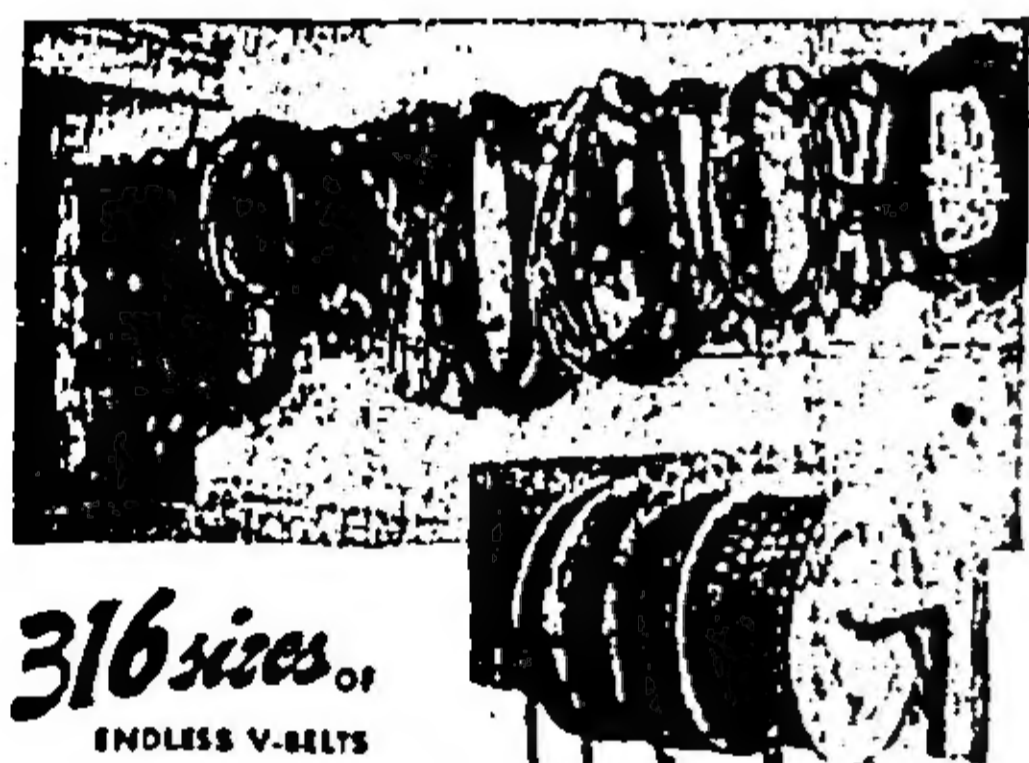
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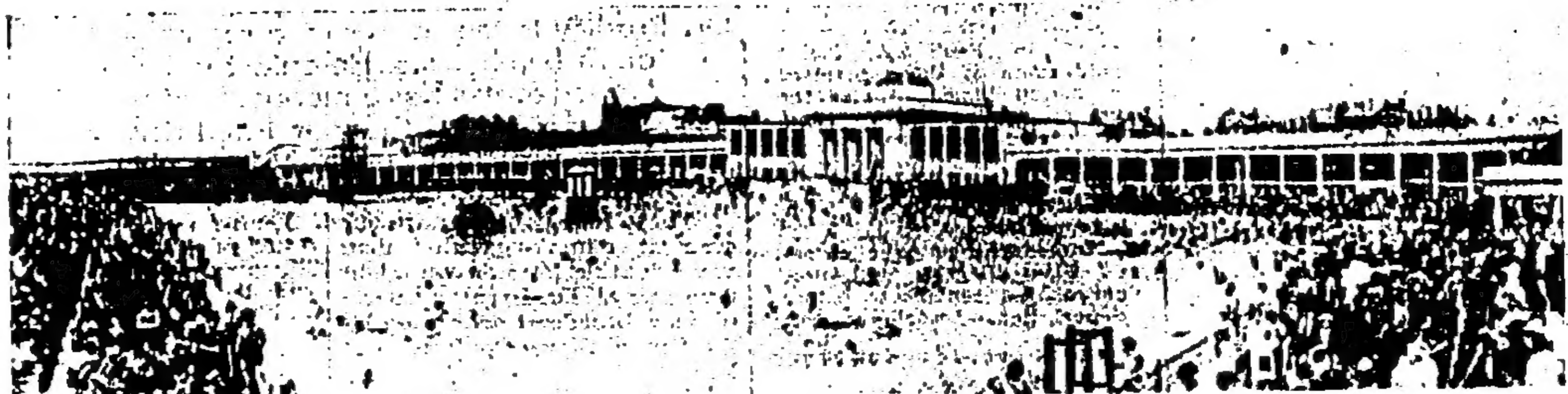
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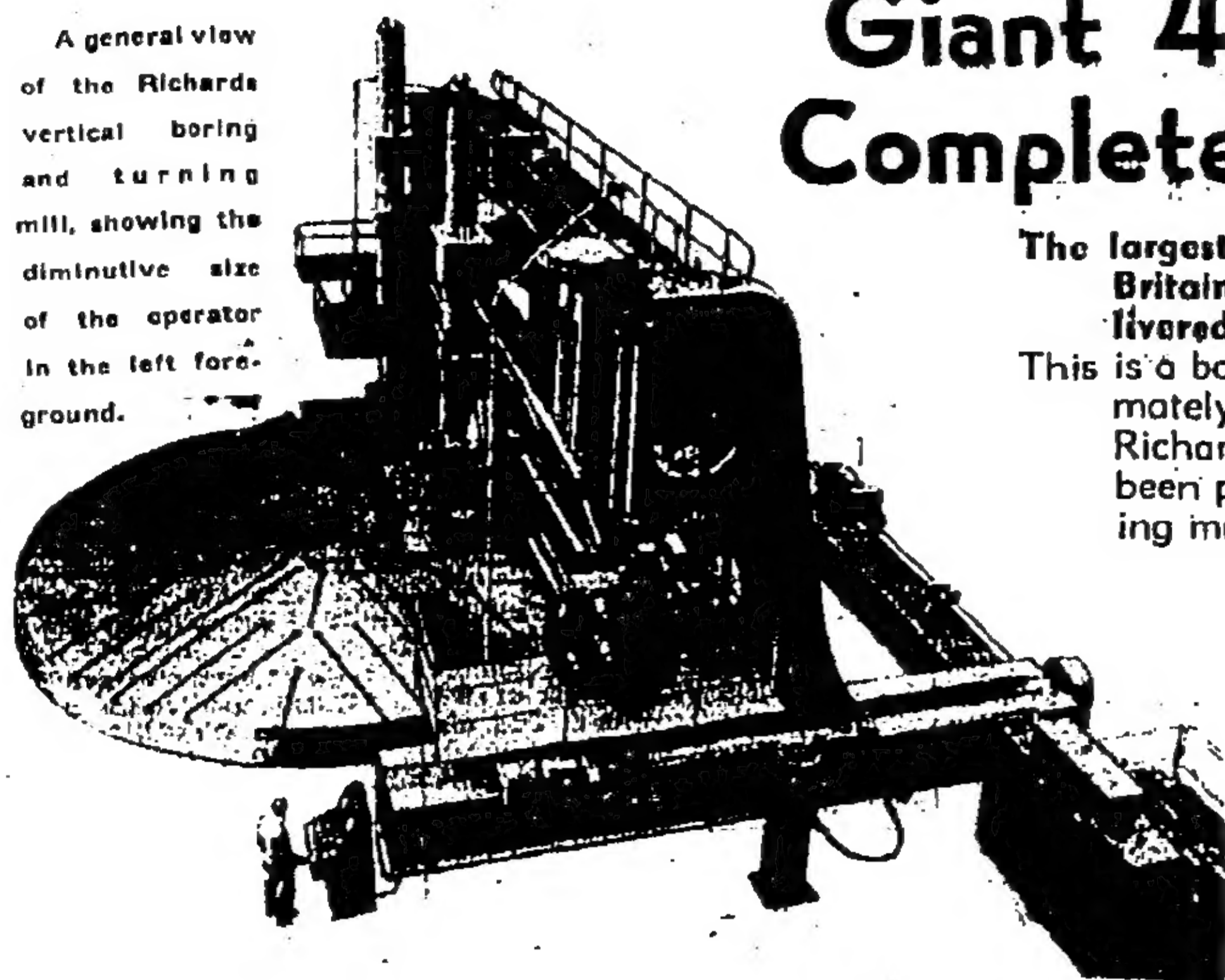
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A general view of the Richards vertical boring and turning mill, showing the diminutive size of the operator in the left foreground.



Giant 475-Ton Borer Completed By UK Firm

The largest machine tool ever produced in Great Britain has recently been completed and delivered.

This is a boring and turning mill weighing approximately 475 tons, manufactured by George Richards & Co., Ltd., Manchester, who have been pre-eminent in the field of precision boring machine production for the past 70 years.

The accompanying illustration gives an idea of the massive proportions of the machine and a comparison of the size of the man standing at the controls in the lower left hand corner, clearly indicates this impressive feature. The machine is known as a 35/50-foot extension type vertical boring and turning mill. The term 'extension type' refers to the mounting of the main uprights, which are arranged to slide on horizontal beds, and by this means the table will accommodate work extending well beyond its periphery. The building of a machine having such massive proportions naturally raised many difficult technical problems calling for wide practical knowledge for their solution—problems, for instance, such as the

lifting, transport and machining of the main castings. Fortunately, Richards had built a fixed upright machine of 35 feet capacity and weighing 400 tons some years earlier, and the experience then gained proved of immense value in this new work.

Centralisation of control and minimisation of physical effort required of the operator, are important factors in any machine tool. With the upright, in the extreme forward position the machine will accommodate work up to a 35-foot diameter, and when the uprights are traversed back to the rear position a 50-foot diameter can be admitted. The table is 33 feet in diameter and a maximum height of 13 feet is admitted under the topholders. Each tonholder has a down feed of 8 feet.

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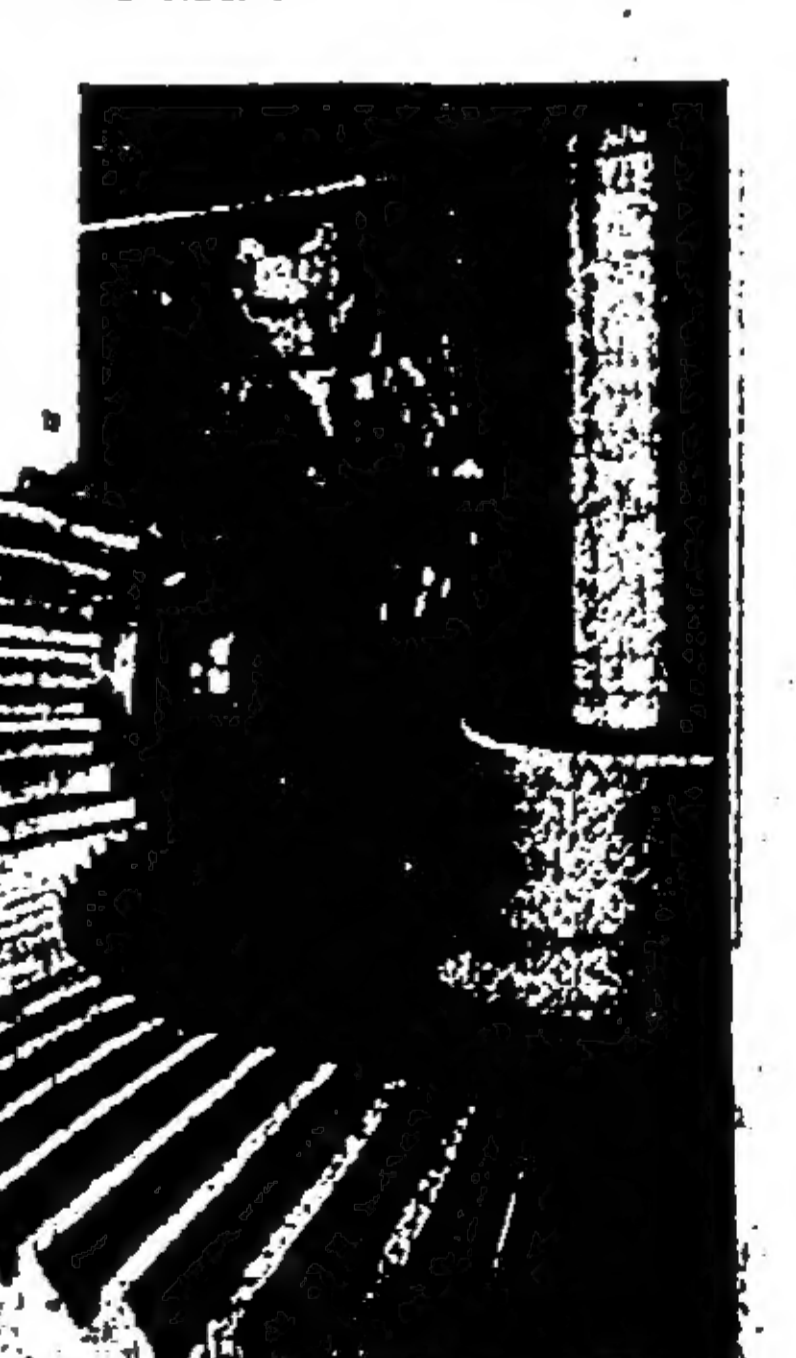
Two vertical heads are fitted, each counter-balanced and mounted on a saddle carried on the cross-slide. The tool bars can be swivelled to any angle up to 30 degrees on one side of the centre and 10 degrees on the other side. Each head has 12 rates of feed ranging from 0.001 to one inch a minute, these being capable of application in vertical, horizontal and angular directions. The heads are entirely independent of each other, so that when they are in use simultaneously, the feeds need not necessarily be the same on both heads.

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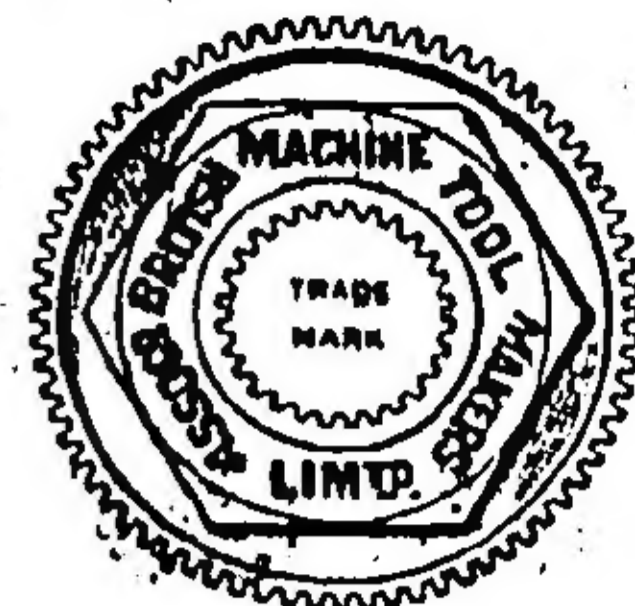
The cross-slide, the main casting of which alone weighs 47 tons, can be raised and lowered through a separate 30 h.p. motor which is mounted on top of the cross girth. Push button control to this motion is provided on the right-hand control desk at the front of the machine.

As previously mentioned, the table is of 33 feet diameter and is generously provided with machined T-slots. There are two bearing tracks supporting the table, the inner one being conical and the outer one flat. Both are of ample proportions to enable the table to carry safely the maximum load of 100 tons for which it was designed. The central spindle is of cast iron 3 feet in diameter and of adequate length to ensure stability and concentricity. Close grained cast iron is used for both spindle and the liner in which it runs.



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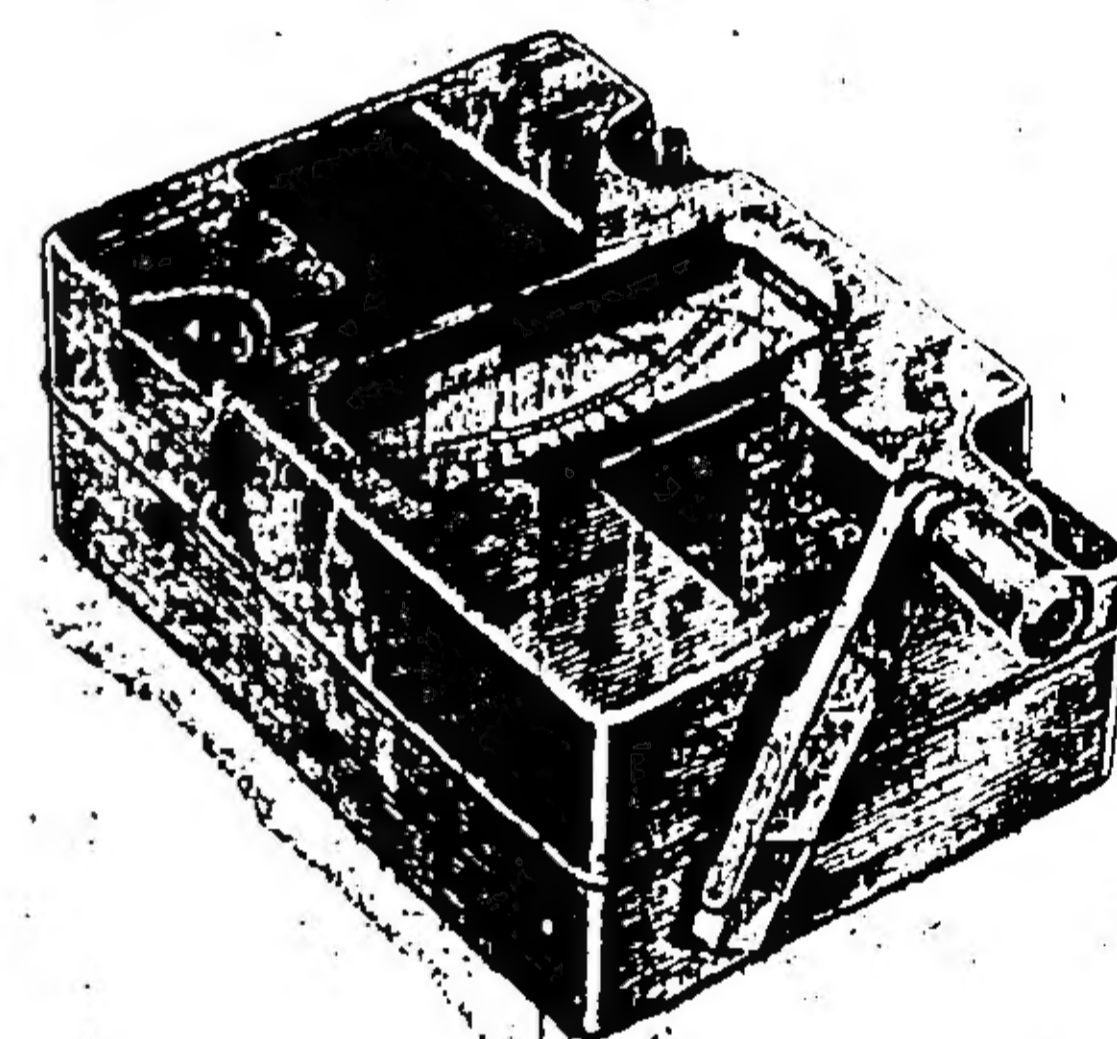
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GERMANY WANTS TO JOIN PACT

Frankfurt, March 22. Germany will ask to take part in the Atlantic pact as a full-fledged member as soon as the national government is established, according to its probable president, Konrad Adenauer.

Herr Adenauer, President of the Bonn Constituent Assembly now drafting the constitution for such a government, did not say how Western Germany could participate temporarily as an economic and political ally of the Western powers, leaving military measures for the future.

Herr Adenauer said there is no reason to return Germany as long as it is being protected by the Western powers.

In view of the accomplishment by the West toward European unity and co-operation which surely must include Western Germany, it is only logical that Germany be allowed to participate in the Atlantic pact in some way or another.

American sources said that one of the chief difficulties of including Germany in the pact as a separate state is that the national government would have to have control of its own foreign policy.

They said the Allied military governments are not likely to permit this until a peace treaty is signed.—United Press

REFERENDUM IDEA REJECTED

London, March 22. The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, rejected a suggestion in the House of Commons today that he should set up a Committee to investigate the possibility of embodying the device of the referendum in the Constitution.

Sir William Darling, Conservative, thought this should be done in view of the adoption of a referendum in Newfoundland on the issue of self-government.

Mr. Attlee replied: "It does not commend itself to me in the circumstances of this country."—Reuter.

FOREIGN NEWSMEN'S QUERY TO REDS

Shanghai, March 23.

The Foreign Correspondents' Club of China has asked the Chinese Communists to clarify their February 27 order prohibiting filing of news from Peiping.

The Club a week ago telegraphed to Chou En-lai, No. 2 Communist leader, asking for an explanation of the ban. But no answer to the query has been received from the Reds.

In the message, the text of which was released today, the Foreign Correspondents' Club asked for clarification of these three points:

1. "We should like to know when correspondents will be permitted to resume their news gathering and news writing activities in Peiping and other parts of Communist China."

2. "We should like to know whether the ban in Peiping was imposed as a matter of general policy."

3. "Is it to be regarded as a precedent for other areas and cities in China which are at present or may come under your control?"

The Communists on February 27 issued an order forbidding foreign correspondents to be permitted to gather and file news. The Reds said the action was taken for military reasons.

Many newsmen, silenced by the ban are members of the Foreign Correspondents' Club.—Associated Press.

Washington, March 22. Senator Arthur Vandenberg of Michigan said today that the North Atlantic pact nations will meet any future aggressor with all the force needed to beat him to his knees.

The Republican foreign policy leader endorsed the new defence treaty as the best bet to keep the present cold war from getting hot.

Senator Vandenberg said: "The North Atlantic pact will tell any aggressor in 1949 that from the very moment he launches his conquest in this area (Atlantic security zone) he will face whatever united opposition, including that of the United States, is necessary to beat him to his knees."

But he specifically reserved judgment on the military programme of shipping American arms to Europe.

Senator Vandenberg said in a speech before the United States conference of Mayors that America's self-interest demands adherence to the anti-aggression treaty.

The Congress and the public should explore thoroughly the pact's implications because it represents the most important step in the American foreign policy since the promulgation of the Monroe Doctrine.

Good Faith "It means that if another armed aggressor threatens any or all of us with a world war, all of us will forthwith unite to halt aggression before it becomes universal, and to defeat it before it becomes a universal conquest."

All of us must take that pledge in good faith or it will be better that we do not take it at all."

He reiterated the assurance of the Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, that the pact threatens no nation other than the potential aggressor.—United Press.

Tribal Warfare In P.I. Likely

Manila, March 23. Two thousand primitive Igorots in North Luzon were reported to be preparing for warfare against a rival tribe.

Press reports said that armed Igorot warriors from Bolinao, in mountainous Abra Province, 200 miles north of Manila, are moving toward a neighbouring village named Tablog.

A despatch stated that they intend to attack Tinglah tribesmen living there to retaliate for the alleged murder of three Igorots.

The report could not be immediately confirmed here. Both the Department of the Interior and National Bureau of Investigation said that unofficial word of tension in the former head-hunting region has been received by them.

Together with the Philippine Constabulary, they are starting an official investigation.—Associated Press.

"INCIDENT" ON CANADIAN SHIP

Victoria, British Columbia, March 23.

Vice-Admiral Harold G. Grant, Chief of Naval Staff, said yesterday there has been an "incident" on board the Canadian destroyer Crescent, at present at Shanghai.

He did not elaborate except to say the incident had been handled on the spot by the ship's commander, Lieutenant-Commander David M. Gross.—Associated Press.

The public prosecutor, demanding the death penalty for Major Faud Zardani Bey, a relative of a former Syrian Premier, said that the arms and munitions were bought by the Syrian Army from Czechoslovakia last summer. They reached Italy on board a vessel captained by a Communist, who attempted to transfer them for the use of Italian Communists during the Italian elections.

The Italian authorities, ordered the ship to be sunk and this was carried out at Bari.

The Syrian Government then sent Major Bey to arrange for salvage of the cargo. After performing this, it was alleged, he was induced by the Czech Jews and a substantial bribe to divert the shipment to the Zionists. He was to pretend the prosecution said, that all had been lost at sea en route to Syria.

The public prosecutor said today that the major was a traitor to his army, his country, Palestine, the whole Arab world and Islam.

The hearing of evidence was concluded today.—Associated Press.

ILSE KOCH

Frankfurt, March 22. General Loebus D. Clay announced today that the case of Ilse Koch is being re-investigated to determine if the one-time mistress of the Buchenwald Concentration Camp can be tried for her crimes against German inmates of the camp.—United Press.

San Francisco, March 23. American President Lines reported yesterday that the Pacific coast maritime strike, disturbed conditions in the Orient and the lack of dollar exchange cut sharply into the company's 1948 operations.

Profit for the year was US\$1,400,000, equal to US\$1.83 a share of Class A common. Previous year's profit was US\$2,576,668. Number of vessels in the fleet was cut from 43 to 27.—Associated Press.

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Siam Wants A Pacific Pact

Bangkok, March 22. Siam is anxious to join any possible Pacific and Asian non-Communist defence bloc similar to the Atlantic Pact, a Siamese Cabinet spokesman said today.

He added that Siam is considerably interested in the possibility of a Pacific and Asian alliance emerging from the visit to Australia and New Zealand of Lord Lis-towel, the British envoy, on a special mission.—Reuter.

Pakistan Post Taken By Iran

Karachi, March 23. The Pakistan Government said yesterday that Iranian troops had forcibly occupied a fortified Pakistan post on the common border of the two countries.

The post is known as Qilla Sufer. Iranian circles here said it was occupied to underscore long-standing demands by Iran for a realignment of the frontier.

There are two posts on the border, one controlled by Pakistan and the other by Iran. Pakistan said the Iranian forces occupied Qilla Sufer while a change in personnel was taking place there.

Pakistan has called the matter to the attention of Iran through the latter's Charge d'Affaires here.—Associated Press.

Speaking of Greenland, the Foreign Minister said that during his recent visit to Washington the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, declared that the Greenland bases would never be used to promote aggressive purposes.

Not For Sale "I found that Mr. Acheson vividly realised the necessity of a continued Danish administration of Greenland without interference from American authorities," Mr. Rasmussen declared, adding that the Secretary of State agreed that Denmark should gradually take over more and more of the establishments in Greenland now operated by Americans.

"I want to state clearly that Greenland has not been sold and to stress that it is not for sale," Mr. Rasmussen added.

During the first part of his speech, the Foreign Minister was interrupted by youthful pro-Communist elements in the gallery, and the chairman of the House had to use his gavel several times to restore order.

Communist Plans The debate will continue tomorrow with statements from Party leaders.

The Communists are planning large scale demonstrations against the pact in front of the Parliament buildings tomorrow afternoon.

Also the non-political "Peace Board", comprising such organisations as the Women's International Peace League, the One World Movement and the Danish UN Peace Association, will demonstrate tomorrow. These organisations, which have a total of only 25,000 members, are advocating a plebiscite on the question of Denmark joining the Pact.—Associated Press.

Isolationism Is A Dead Letter

New York, March 22. The Times, commenting on the Atlantic Pact, points out that United States, when signing the pact, will definitely turn away from isolationism.

Speaking about the second World War, the paper said: "The lesson we thus received was taught us by three dictatorships."

"They made us see that a remote farm house on the Nebraska plains was not safe if we turned our back to the world. They made us see our liberty was endangered if our liberties elsewhere were destroyed."

"The three dictatorships that declared war on us in 1941 have vanished. Another dictatorship overshadowed a considerable part of the earth."

"We cannot in self-respect appease it by surrendering our principles."

"Now we shall try to keep peace by strength—by a strength which we never intend to except in common defence of nations' territory and liberties, strength that is otherwise no menace to Russia or any other country."

"It is thus, in no warlike mood, that this nation takes up the North Atlantic pact. This is our pacifist, the most effective means we know to avoid bloodshed and destruction of civilisation."—United Press.

APL Made Less Money In 1948

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RASMUSSEN ASKS FOR APPROVAL OF PACT

Copenhagen, March 22. The Foreign Minister, Mr. Gustav Rasmussen, today asked the Danish Parliament to endorse the Government's decision to join the North Atlantic Defence Pact.

Opening a pact debate in the Lower House, the Foreign Minister also asked for authorisation for the Government to ratify the treaty after the signing in Washington next month.

Praising the Atlantic Pact as an alliance of the world's most peace loving peoples, Rasmussen said: "We now have to choose between joining this pact or being left in isolation without any real means of defence, and without any guarantees of help in case of attack."

The Foreign Minister admitted that the Danish Government still thinks a Scandinavian defence alliance between Denmark, Norway and Sweden would be the best solution, but added that despite all efforts it had not been possible to reach such an agreement between the three countries.

"Instead, other democratic nations offered to co-operate with us," Mr. Rasmussen said. "And the Government finds it advisable to accept the offer to join the North Atlantic Pact."

Speaking of Greenland, the Foreign Minister said that during his recent visit to Washington the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, declared that the Greenland bases would never be used to promote aggressive purposes.

Not For Sale "I found that Mr. Acheson vividly realised the necessity of a continued Danish administration of Greenland without interference from American authorities," Mr. Rasmussen declared, adding that the Secretary of State agreed that Denmark should gradually take over more and more of the establishments in Greenland now operated by Americans.

"I want to state clearly that Greenland has not been sold and to stress that it is not for sale," Mr. Rasmussen added.

During the first part of his speech, the Foreign Minister was interrupted by youthful pro-Communist elements in the gallery, and the chairman of the House had to use his gavel several times to restore order.

Communist Plans The debate will continue tomorrow with statements from Party leaders.

The Communists are planning large scale demonstrations against the pact in front of the Parliament buildings tomorrow afternoon.

Also the non-political "Peace Board", comprising such organisations as the Women's International Peace League, the One World Movement and the Danish UN Peace Association, will demonstrate tomorrow. These organisations, which have a total of only 25,000 members, are advocating a plebiscite on the question of Denmark joining the Pact.—Associated Press.

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ANGLO-ISRAELI FINANCIAL TALKS TO BEGIN SOON

London, March 22.

Formal talks to settle pressing financial and economic problems between Britain and Israel will begin in week or two.

Informants representing both countries reported today that a series of preliminary exchanges between the British Treasury and Mr. Joseph Linton, acting Israeli representative here, have now ended.

P.I. Fights War Over

Manila, March 23.

Issues of the Spanish civil war are being fought all over again in Manila.

The controversy flared when the Spanish Minister, Teodoro de Aguilera Sales, objected to the presentation of a play written by the late Frederico Garcia Lorca, Spanish Republic author and poet killed by Falangists in 1936.

Father Angel de Blas, rector of the University of Santo Tomas, cancelled permission of the group of community players to stage "House of Bernard Alba" at the Catholic institution. Father Blas called the play immoral and detrimental to the reputation of the local Spanish community.

Lorca's play was staged in New York last year as "Blood Wedding." Mrs. Trinidad F. Legarda, President of the stage group, said she would appeal to President Elpidio Quirino and the courts if necessary.—Associated Press.

CONFIDENCE MAN SENTENCED

London, March 22.

Abraham Barnett Krutz, aged 57, a native of Odessa, was sentenced at the Central Criminal Court here today to four years' imprisonment for fraud. He was found guilty of obtaining £12,000 by false pretences from the Midland Bank. The judge said the prosecution was right in describing the case as a confidence trick of the most fantastic dimensions.—Reuter.

Britain has told the Israelis that the talks can begin as soon as the Tel Aviv Government makes an official request.

Only matters of urgent importance will be dealt with at these talks. Long-term subjects, such as the settlement of each country's claims and counter-claims, will have to await negotiation later in the year.

Issues which will come up when the first set of talks begin will include:
1. Gradual liquidation of the sterling balance Israel accumulated in Britain during the war.
2. A short-term payments agreement governing the financing of trade between the two countries.
3. Fixing of exchange rates between British and Israeli currencies.

Safeguard Needed

Israel is expected to ask Britain to release part of her estimated £8,000,000 credit in hard currency. The new state will also possibly want to make big purchases of capital equipment and machinery in Britain with some of her credits.

The question of Israel's entry into the British-controlled sterling area is unlikely to be tackled for some time. The British say that although they would like Israel in, they want to be satisfied first that Jews will conform with the overall sterling area policy of conserving hard currency and that the Jews will also provide the necessary safeguards for controlling currency exchange transactions.

Britain's Minister-designate to Israel, Mr. A. K. Heln, is expected to leave soon for Tel Aviv but so far no date has been fixed for his departure. He will probably go early next month.—Associated Press.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB NOTICE TO MEMBERS

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The Treasurer's Comptroller's Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

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Injunction Against Mr. Calwell

Melbourne, March 22.

The High Court of Australia today granted an interim injunction restraining the Immigration Minister, Mr. Arthur Calwell, from taking action to repatriate two Melbourne Chinese, ordered to leave Australia.

These were the first repatriation orders to be contested since the High Court upheld last week the appeal of Mrs. Annie O'Keefe, an Indonesian, against another order.

Mr. Calwell today reasserted his intention of placing before the Cabinet amendments to the Immigration Act, which would place beyond dispute the Government's power to repatriate who should be permitted to enter and remain in Australia.—Reuter.

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ROBESON MENTIONED IN KRAVCHENKO CASE

Paris, March 22.

A famous American citizen had to send his son to a Soviet university because none was available in the United States, Counsel for the Communist weekly, "Les Lettres Francaises," said here today in his closing plea in the libel suit brought against the journal by the Russian-born author, Victor Kravchenko.

The Counsel, Maitre Nordmann, was referring to the singer, Paul Robeson, now on a concert tour of Britain.

The trial, notable for the violent clashes between Kravchenko and defence witnesses, some brought here from the Soviet Union, is in its ninth week and is expected to end tonight.

Maitre Nordmann told the court that anti-Soviet writers, like Kravchenko, often finished up in the Fascist camp.

One of the first translations of Kravchenko's best-selling autobiography, "I Chose Freedom," in which he described his experiences as a Soviet official, was published in Spain, defence counsel said.

In support of his argument, he also cited the case of Jacques Doriol, French ex-Communist, who fought with the Germans in Russia and was reported killed in an air raid in Germany in 1945.

M. Nordmann said that it was no accident that this trial was being held as Communist leaders in New York were being persecuted for their political beliefs.

He said he wanted to point out the kind of freedom Kravchenko had chosen—a kind that gave no freedom of education for a Negro singer's son.

Mann's Warning
Maitre Nordmann quoted a warning which he said the German-born author, Thomas Mann, now an American citizen, had given against spiritual intolerance and attacks on democratic liberties, allegedly current in the United States, which Mr. Mann was alleged to have said reminding him of the period in Germany just before Hitler came to power.

Counsel said Kravchenko's book had been distributed free in many countries. Members of Parliament received copies and some French manufacturers obtained an abridged edition for their employees.

A French organisation, called Les Lettres de Paris, sold the book to their members at a loss. In Argentina, counsel continued, a manufacturer supplied free copies to the libraries of all French institutes.

Besieged By Women
At this point, Kravchenko's counsel, Maitre Izard, shouted angrily: "It is abominable!" He said the statement had not been communicated to him.

Maitre Nordmann said that he had received the statement from Soviet witnesses, who got it from their Government.

For two minutes the earlier sessions were recalled as the two lawyers shouted at each other.

Kravchenko, who had not attended the trial last week or yesterday, was besieged by auto-graph hunters, mostly fashionably dressed women, during the afternoon session. They offered copies of "I Chose Freedom" or court passes for his signature.

Judgment will probably be given in a week or a fortnight.—Reuter.

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HK TRADING STATISTICS

Exports To China Show Increase

Exports from Hong Kong to China increased considerably during February as compared with the previous month. Imports, however, decreased.

Of the total imports of HK\$161,595,087, a declared value of HK\$8,284,214 came from North China; HK\$2,393,483 from Central China; and HK\$23,330,435 from South China; as compared with HK\$9,422,141; HK\$2,568,143; and HK\$27,815,673, respectively, in January.

Included in the total February exports of HK\$135,454,353, a declared value of HK\$7,915,208 from North China; HK\$3,335,001 from Central China; and HK\$11,778,941 from South China was recorded in February as compared with HK\$2,712,885; HK\$2,626,004; and HK\$7,830,335, respectively, in the previous month.

Values of imports and exports by countries in February follow:

COUNTRY	IMPORTS	EXPORTS
United Kingdom	19,837,370	5,882,838
Australia	2,403,407	9,540,001
Canada	4,207,063	1,774,128
Ceylon	3,752,240	218,847
East Africa	107,143	83,427
India	469,494	1,481,169
Malaya (Br.)	614,953	2,880,595
Malaya (Fr.)	6,094,250	12,165,611
New Zealand	3,723	99,357
North Borneo	704,769	218,094
Portugal	995,949	1,118,022
South Africa	205,062	246,553
West Africa	9,850	233,151
West Indies	5,608	1,185,845
Br. Emp. Other	8,160,598	478,710
Belgium	5,703,778	925,908
Burma	716,653	136,492
China, North	7,382,673	3,562,031
China, Middle	1,067,845	1,428,723
China, South	23,330,435	11,778,941
Cuba	16,135,476	120,711
C. America	82,000	182,977
Denmark	102,425	72,833
Egypt	1,803,579	76,419
France	911,382	2,963,257
Germany	829,430	1,096,846
Greece	1,888,344	106,130
Holland	1,240,921	278,059
Italy	691,850	72,208
Japan	8,239,510	10,403,061
Korea, South	166,990	4,477,249
Korea, North	1,111,889	9,052,148
Madagascar	2,462,495	6,656,425
Neth. E. Indies	1,159,914	9,815,952
Philippines	618,822	922,489
Portugal	76,825	46,108
Riam	7,532,953	4,477,494
R. America	337,420	329,031
Spain	28,327	48,425
Sweden	1,888,554	295,617
Switzerland	2,432,156	2,660,681
U.S.A.	22,922,687	37,687,241
U.S.R.R.	228,098	22,160
Others	1,489,828	1,878,156
Total	131,243,428	161,595,087
Total	48,323,658	48,880,579
Total Foreign	86,919,816	112,714,517

Values by chapters in February follow:


ARTICLES	IMPORTS	EXPORTS
Live animals, chiefly for food	1,728,478	1,661,732
Meat and preparations thereof	178,447	345,234
Dairy products, eggs and honey	1,999,347	4,711,544
Fishery products, for food	2,148,536	3,826,693
Cereals	5,724,061	4,401,540
Manufactured products of cereals, chiefly for human food	8,296,872	4,531,302
Fruits and nuts, except oil-nuts	1,853,913	2,665,100
Vegetables, roots and tubers, chiefly used for human food	8,416,960	4,138,118
Sugar and sugar confectionery	6,699,842	891,638
Coffee, tea, cocoa and preparations thereof, spices	2,336,315	1,659,676
Beverages and vinegars	623,061	931,034
Feeding stuffs for animals, n.e.s.	6,510	30,354
Tobacco	8,971,080	3,005,094
Oil-seeds, nuts and kernels	1,148,529	469,719
Animal and vegetable oil, fats, greases and waxes and their manufactures, n.e.s.	10,652,374	8,487,726
Chemical elements and compounds; pharmaceutical products	6,991,848	7,616,650
Dyeing, tanning and colouring substances (not including crude materials)	9,722,979	8,770,000
Essential oils, perfumery cosmetics, soaps and related products	618,018	1,629,262
Fertilizers	805,878	448,000
Rubber and manufactures thereof, n.e.s.	1,182,534	2,128,792
Wood, cork and manufactures thereof	2,313,014	5,016,822
Pulp, paper and cardboard and manufactures thereof	4,689,658	4,107,479
Hides and skins and leather manufactures of leather, not including articles of clothing	1,686,626	1,686,734
Textile materials, raw or simply prepared, n.e.s.	78,094	44,017
Yarns and threads	17,391	622,880
Textile fabrics and small wares	628,032	2,648,705
Special and technical textile articles	6,171,815	4,818,028
Clothing and underwear of textile materials; hats of all materials	9,168,852	14,362,018
Clothing of leather and fur	821,008	802,819
Clothing and underwear of all materials	1,200,418	1,072,381
Clothing of leather and fur	81,330	4,300
Slippers	137,458	110,465
Made-up articles of textile materials other than clothing	848,492	1,307,881
Products for heating, lighting and power, lubricants and related products	6,124,936	11,028,351
Non-metallic minerals, crude or simply prepared, n.e.s.	1,060,057	8,471,093
Pottery and other clay products	826,364	1,039,118
Glass and glassware	891,391	828,058
Manufactures of base metals, n.e.s.	811,237	374,881
Precious metals and precious stones, pearls and articles made of these materials	360,890	923,616
Iron, steel, alloys	2,929,581	4,337,700
Non-ferrous base metals	2,937,413	4,039,991
Manufactures of base metals, n.e.s.	7,811,817	5,001,595
Machinery, apparatus and appliances, n.e.s.	2,932,364	6,619,723
Machinery, apparatus and appliances, n.e.s., other than electrical	1,927,168	4,641,893
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances	1,905,200	8,198,968
Vehicle and transport equipment, n.e.s.	2,846,410	2,659,581
Miscellaneous goods of all materials	2,354,103	6,619,723
Manufactured articles, n.e.s.	8,658,899	8,658,899
Gold and specie	118,290	9,000
Total	131,243,428	161,595,087

Values by country in the first two months of the year follow:

COUNTRY	IMPORTS	EXPORTS
United Kingdom	38,216,478	18,977,942
Australia	4,676,789	24,028,874
Canada	8,326,984	7,299,838
Ceylon	3,826,286	1,836,307
East Africa	458,661	145,047
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New York, March 23.

Two bail prices of nows in the consumer goods' market saved the stock market a rough time today. Final prices were cut in fractions to more than a point. Transfers totalled \$40,000,000, the first since the 1929 crash.

The first unpleasant item was the announcement that the big retail merchandising company, Gimbel Bros., had been sold to a family trust, to be later entirely divided in half from 25 to 25. Next came news that American Woolen Company had new orders booked through March 15 were less than 1/4 of the comparable period of 1929.

Then came the news that the American Woolen cracked for a loss of 6 1/2 points and finished lower at 30 1/2. Mild sell spread to other stocks.

Among losers were Pullman, Santa Fe, Superior Oil of California, Universal Oil Products, Fortuna, U. S. Steel, and the Commodore Hotel and Southern, Paramount Pictures, Magnavox.

Gainers included Peppercorn, Consolidated Natural Gas, and Dow Jones averaged. Stocks closed.

181%; Alaska Juneau 34%; America
 18%; American Tobacco 10%; American
 Cigarettes 116; American Tobacco Co
 American Waterworks 74; Ansa
 Copper 31%; Aviation Corp. 54; B
 11%; B. & O. 10%; B. & O. 10%; B.
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 10%; R. & O. 10%; R. & O. 10%; R.
 Pacific 40%; Standard Brands
 Standard Oil of Calif. 90%; Standard
 of N.J. 55%; Studebaker 10%; S
 10%; Sun 10%; Sun 10%; Sun 10%;
 10%; US Steel 72; US Lines 1
 Washington 23%; Youngstown 1

Money Mark
Gold went up again HK\$313.75 a tael yesterday on opening at \$311.75, but dropped back to \$309.67½ at the 11:00 interval. In the afternoon it

proved to \$311.12½. US dollars eased off slightly after Tuesday's spurt. Open at HK\$5.24½, the rate in afternoon was down a cent. Gold Yunn's new low yesterday was HK\$4.30 and \$4.35 10,000 for Hong Kong delivery \$4.30 for Canton remittances; \$4.12½ and \$4.15 for Shan

remittances
 Pounds opened and closed
 HK\$10.25 a 100, the rate drop
 \$10.17½ in the interval.
 Tjals were unchanged
 HK\$24.30 a 100.
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